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SINN FEINERS SURPRISED.

AMBUSH PARTY PUT TO FLIGHT BY CADETS.

THE WANDSWORTH SENSATION.

LONDON, January 21.

A party of a dozen men in ambush apparently watching for "Black and Tans" from Germentown, the training centre for the Royal Irish Constabulary in North Dublin, were surprised by cadets at Tulla Bridge, near Dublin, this morning. One of the men in ambush was seriously wounded and six were taken prisoner.

The authorities in Dublin, learning of the ambush, rushed off cadets in motor cars. The ambushers, who were provided with bombs, bolted after a rapid exchange of shots. The cadets suffered no casualties.

Five alleged Sinn Feiners were brought up at the South Western Police Court in connection with the Wandsworth sensation on January 15. One man was bound over and the others remanded for a week.

One morning the police intercepted a number of men climbing a wall in the premises of the Vacuum Oil Company at Wandsworth. Firing and a scuffle ensued. Only one person was arrested and Sinn Fein documents and a revolver were found in his pockets. Subsequent investigations revealed a plot to set fire to 60,000 barrels of oil which were in the premises.

NEW CHINESE MINISTER TO FRANCE.

PARIS, January 20.

A Havas message states that Mr. Tchin Gio, who was recently appointed Chinese minister to France, has arrived at Marseilles.

ITALIAN ZEPPELIN DISASTER.

GERMANS REFUSE TO REPLACE DAMAGED PARTS.

ILL-CONCEALED SATISFACTION.

LONDON, January 21.

A Berlin telegram states that a Zeppelin which was recently handed over to Italy was badly damaged in landing after a trial flight near Rome. Three members of the Italian crew were killed and several injured. The telegram alleges that the Italians were unable to repair the damage and the Germans refused to replace the damaged parts. It would be contrary to the Peace Treaty. The Italians therefore decided to scrap the airship. The Germans with ill-concealed satisfaction suggest that the Zeppelins delivered to Britain, France and Japan will meet with a similar fate.

SHIPPING BOARD SCANDAL.

BIG STEEL MAGNATE DENIES ALLEGATIONS.

NEW YORK, January 22.

Giving evidence before the committee of investigation into alleged irregularities in the Shipping Board's accounts, Mr. Charles Schwab emphatically contradicted the statement that his personal expenses for October of 1918 amounting to \$250,000 were charged to the Board. He declared that he paid all his own expenses while director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

GERMAN REPARATIONS.

THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS REPORTED POSSIBLE.

LONDON, January 21.

It is authoritatively stated that there is reason to believe that the Germans will agree to pay three annual instalments of reparations following the decisions reached at Spa and Boulogne.

SECOND TENNIS TEST MATCH.

AMERICA BEATS AUSTRALIA THREE NOUGHT.

SYDNEY, January 21.

In the second test match between Australia and America the latter won, 3-0: Washburn beat Hawke 6-4, 6-4; Johnston beat Heath 6-3, 6-3; and Tilden and Johnston beat Brookes and O'Hara Wood 10-8, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

AMERICAN TENNIS.

PHILADELPHIA, January 21.

Jay Gould defeated Jack Soukar in five sets to one in the best nine tennis championship of America.

ITALIAN SOCIALISTS.

LONDON, January 21.

The Italian Socialist Congress at Leghorn has voted by a large majority in favour of acceptance with reservations Moscow's twenty-one conditions for joining the third International. Lenin, however, insisted on unconditional acceptance.

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OFFICIALLY INSULTED.

"PROBABLY ISSUED WITH RATIONS."

An official insult has been offered to a Nottingham soldier, Sergeant Harry Camm, of the R.A.S.C. Camm was recently awarded the Military Medal and not being sure what it was for, he sent an inquiry to the Records Office at Woolwich Dockyard. A typewritten reply was received stating that no particulars had

been given, but written on the paper in red ink were the words, "It was probably issued with the rations." Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, the member for South Nottingham, addressed a question to Sir Archibald Williamson, who denied that the officer in charge of the records had made such an aspersion, but Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck offered to produce the original document, and the matter is being further investigated. It has since been discovered that the medal was conferred on Camm for carrying a wounded comrade under heavy fire and keeping a battery supplied with ammunition during the offensive from Valenciennes to Mons.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2 10 15/16
To-day's opening rate 2 11 3/16

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail)

ECONOMIC RIDDLE.

LONDON, January 21.

The possibility of profiting by the reduction of prices to secure a permanent reduction in wages is being extensively exploited. The Government is still concentrating on the economic situation on the lines of the rectification of exchanges, the development of the system of barter, the speeding up of public schemes and the extension of short-time.

The draft proposals of the Labour Committee include a universal 44-hour week. State unemployment benefit for married men of 25 weeks and for single men 22 weeks, with additional allowances for children, the total rejection of the short-time proposals, an increase in the school age to 16 years, an extensive scheme of public works, a system of international credits, and the resumption of commerce with Russia and Central Europe.

VIENNA'S DESPERATE FLIGHT.

VIENNA, January 21.

The resignation of the Cabinet and the general strike foreboded for January 20th have not yet materialised. There is intense disappointment here regarding Great Britain's inability to grant a loan. Popular demonstrations are occurring against the Government. A procession carried gallows through the city. Apprehensive profiteers are fleeing in a panic. Meanwhile, the workers have granted the Cabinet an extension of time—the period is not stipulated—to reduce prices, with a view to suspending indefinitely on the heads of the Cabinet Ministers, the sword of Damocles, as the Opposition decline to take over the Government.

DUTCH ART.

LONDON, January 21.

The exhibition of Dutch art in White-chapel is attracting the keenest interest. There have been numerous visitors. The Queen of Holland has telegraphed her congratulations on the success of the exhibition.

BOMBAY MILL LOCK-OUT.

BOMBAY, January 21.

The lock out at the Robinson Mill has come to an end.

THE O'CALLAGHAN CASE.

NEW YORK, January 21.

The President has ordered the deportation of Mr. O'Callaghan. In the meantime he is being permitted to address meetings and to testify before the Irish Investigation Committee.

SINN FEIN CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, January 21.

Details of the Glenwood ambush in which six persons were killed are forthcoming. A patrol of ten was waylaid where a road dipped a wood from where the numerous assailants commanded a clear view and poured a concentrated fusillade into the approaching lorry. The police replied bravely, but an inspector and five men were killed early. The remaining four continued to fight. Two were soon wounded and two others escaped unhurt. Strong parties of police and military subsequently searched the countryside fruitlessly and there were no arrests made.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

LONDON, January 21.

French newspapers continue to urge a strong attitude towards Germany. Commenting on the German semi-official statement regarding reparations, the *Paris Journal*, for example, says that while France is prepared at present to demand only part payment of her debt and even contemplates the possibility of the relinquishment of a portion of it, Germany threatens to break off conversations, failing fresh concessions, entailing the revision of the most essential clauses of the Peace Treaty. Germany's attitude renders the hope of the avoidance to resort to force most unlikely.

MORE BRITISH COAL FOR EASTERN PORTS.

LONDON, January 21.

Further development has taken place in the chartering of British tonnage to carry coal to Eastern ports. Yesterday coal steamers were ordered to run from Cardiff to Bombay and Singapore at 20s. per ton.

Those charitable folks who try to find some agreeable reason for all Oriental customs always maintain that the bazaar system, though it causes a waste of time, is really a means of taking from the rich according to their means and making things easier for the poor. There is no endorsement of this idea in the action of the Sassio workmen who are boycotting every tradesman in the town, as they consider that they have been made the victims of unscrupulous profiteering. Among their demands is one that everything be marked at a fixed price. It is curious, remarks the *Shanghai Chronicle*, that at a time when price tickets have partially disappeared in Europe, there should be a demand for their adoption in Asia.

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FURTHER ASTOUNDING
REVELATIONS.

VESSELS NOT MAKING PROFIT TO-DAY.

The stay of the operations of the

U.S. Shipping Board continues to

unfold under the investigations now

being carried out by the Special

Committee, and each succeeding

chapter is no whit less amazing in

its revelations than those already

published.

The latest advice from New York

state that the United States Shipping

Board in its programme has thrown

away for ever beyond recovery

2,000,000,000 dollars of the 3,850,

000,000 dollars which has passed

through its hands, according to

testimony given before the Walsh

Committee by Mr. Martin J. Gillen,

who was a special executive as-
sistant to the chairman of the Shipping

Board under the administration of

Mr. John Barton Payne and for a

time after Admiral William S.

Benson became chairman. The

estimate of 2,000,000,000 dollars

which Mr. Gillen placed upon the

cost of amortization

represents money that is gone not

only as a result of the natural depre-

ciation of tonnage values, but be-

cause of losses in settlements with

Norwegian and Japanese ship

gamblers and in material, estimated at

500,000,000 dollars, which is

lost without a trace somewhere in

the hands of contractors. Mr. Gillen

told the committee that the Shipping

Board vessels not only are not mak-

ing a profit for the Government to-

day, but that on account of the drop

in freight rates they are not even

making depreciation and interest

upon the ships themselves. The

Shipping Board is operating between

1,300 and 1,400 ships, and in Mr.

Gillen's opinion, other losses are

bound to come even now in addition

to the 2,000,000,000 dollars, which al-

ready has been wiped out.

"A complete lack of an adequate

accounting system" in the handling

of Shipping Board funds is described

by Mr. Gillen as the basic trouble.

There was a complete breakdown,

he said, of the accounting system.

ABSENCE OF RECORD.

Mr. Gillen testified that among the

conditions disclosed by the new

treasurer were the following:—There

was no balance sheet showing what

funds the board possessed or in what

banks its funds were deposited.

There was no record in the hands

of the board of securities valued

at more than 240,000,000 dollars,

which the board held. These

securities were later found in the

vaults of a trust company in Philadel-

The witness testified that vouchers

and data to make possible the

accounting so far completed had

been obtained by going out into the

field, starting with bank accounts of

various firms and persons with whom

the board and the Emergency Fleet

Corporation had transactions and

tracing the accounts back to the

Shipping Board. A force of 900 has

been engaged in this work.

HOW OIL TANKERS WERE HANDLED.

Mr. Gillen gave results of his study

of the way oil tankers were handled

by the Shipping Board. He said

that until last May 24 the Shipping

Board had no chart showing the

location of its tankers, how much oil

they had or anything else about them.

"I found," said Mr. Gillen, "that

42,000,000 barrels of oil a year was

needed to run the fleet of Shipping

Board vessels. I found that Captain

Paul Foley, the director of opera-

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Pillow Cases, Fine quality Blankets, White Satin Quilts, Bed Valances, Damask Table Cloths, Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Double Bed Sheets, Drawnwork Bedspreads, Table Covers, Crochet and Drawnwork Dollies, Linen Damask Serviettes,

Also
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And
Three Pairs Binoculars, etc.
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Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on
SATURDAY,
January 29, 1921, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

About sixty lots of valuable Jewellery,
comprising:—
Single stone diamond rings, brooches, bracelets, scarf pins, etc., etc.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on
TUESDAY,
January 25, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

2 Army Bell Tents,
One Remington Portable Typewriter,
One Holmes movable Bed,
1 1/4-Plate Camera with 6 plate holders, and
One Pair Binoculars.

Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

Encyclopaedia Britannica in 19 Vols.,
Eleventh Edition, with case.
Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 8, 1921.

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—From middle February, for six weeks, daily governess for TWO LITTLE GIRLS on the Peak. Apply to Mrs. R. HANCOCK, No. 97, The Peak.

WANTED.

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SOMEONE with experience of infants to assist with 2 months' old CHILD to ENGLAND, in March. Terms on application. Box No. 1233, c/o "CHINA MAIL."

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AT REPULSE BAY HOTEL, on THURSDAY night, 18th inst. A PEARL mounted and PEARL DROP EARRING—set Platinum and SMALL DIAMONDS. Finder please return to C. Edgcombe, Snowman & Co., Hotel Maritime REWARD.

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INTIMATIONS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1921, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 23rd January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 15, 1921.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1921, at 11.40 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, January 19th to FRIDAY, January 23rd both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 15, 1921.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, January 28th, 1921, at 11.50 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, January 19th to FRIDAY, January 23rd both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
NOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices Victoria Buildings on FRIDAY, 4th February, 1921, at 12 O'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 26th January, to FRIDAY, 4th February, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to
The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for
The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on MONDAY, 7th February, 1921, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th January to 7th February, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

WANTED.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF YELLOW RIVER BRIDGE FOR PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY.

THE PEKING-HANKOW LINE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS is inviting sealed proposals of bridge contractors for designing and building a new steel bridge about 2,800 meters in length across the Yellow River (Hwang-Ho). Proposals will be received up to noon of June 30th, 1921, at the office of Peking-Hankow Railway, Peking, China, plans, rules and specifications can be obtained from the following offices:

Peking: Peking-Hankow Railway, American, British, Belgian, French, Italian, and Japanese Legations.
Foreign: Chinese Legations, Washington, London, Brussels, Paris, Rome and Tokyo.

All applications for same must be accompanied with pounds £ for foreign countries and with dollars \$0 for Peking.

PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION.

S.S. "LIEN SHING."

NOTICE.

THE HULL CO-INSURANCE ASSOCIATION to whom as underwriters of the Hull of the above Steamship the wreck (now lying in about 20 fathoms near Cape Varella) has been abandoned HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that such wreck will be offered For Sale by AUCTION at 12 O'clock (noon) on the 28th day of January, 1921, by Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. at their Sales Rooms in Hongkong. Such cargo as may remain in the wreck will be sold at the same time, the proceeds of Hull and Cargo being kept separate. Any persons or corporations having any claims in respect of the proceeds of the cargo are required to send notice thereof to Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. before the 4th day of February, 1921.

Hongkong, January 7, 1921.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, January 28th, 1921, at 12 O'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 23rd January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL ROBERT BURN ANNIVERSARY DINNER, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at 8 o'clock, p.m.
Members desiring to attend are requested to communicate with the undersigned.
Cost of Dinner will be \$3.00 per head, exclusive of wine.
T. W. HILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong St. Andrew's Society.
Hongkong, January 18, 1921.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF the HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, will be held in the Carr Hall, on WEDNESDAY, January 26th, at Noon.
K. E. A. CAVALIER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

Open Billiard Championship of the Colony.

ENTRIES for the above Championship close on the 25th instant to the Hon. Secretary.
Entrance Fee \$2.00.
Competitors are also requested to attend at the Club on the 25th instant at 6 p.m.

R. C. WITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB.

ANNUAL BALL, 1921.

WILL be held in the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, 28th January.
Double Tickets — \$16.
Single Tickets — \$8.

Obtainable from the Secretary or any member of the Committee.

R. D. SPANTON,
Hon. Secretary.
(Social Section)
Hongkong, January 14, 1921.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MARATHON RACE.

To be held under the auspices of the above association on THURSDAY, 10th February, at 4 p.m.

To be run in Kowloon, distance about 7 miles.

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Silver Trophies—1st, 2nd and 3rd.
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D. J. PURVES,
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Lists may be found at:—

- Messrs. Lane Crawford.
- Kelly & Walsh.
- Moore.
- Wm. Powell, Ltd.
- The Hongkong Club.
- Hongkong Cricket Club.
- Club Lassano.
- Engineers' Institute.
- Victoria Recreation Club.
- Kowloon Cricket Club.
- Kowloon Bowling Club.
- Peak Club.
- Club de Hockey.
- Craigengower Club.

M. J. BREEN,
Hon. Secretary,
War Memorial Committee.

INTIMATIONS.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the TIME TABLE will be revised on and from MONDAY, the 24th January, 1921. Copies may be had on application.

By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

Kowloon, 19th January, 1921.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held at the Carr Hall, HONGKONG, on TUESDAY, the 1st of February, 1921, at 5.30 p.m., to consider the question of admitting Ladies as Members & for Subscribers to the Club.

Should there be a majority of three-fourths (or approximately so) in favour Extraordinary General Meetings will be called to pass and confirm resolutions making the necessary alterations to the Articles of Association.

By Order,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

NOTICE.

THE SHAREHOLDERS of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE are herewith informed that an interim dividend of Frs. 20.— per share will be paid from February 1st, 1921, on presentation of their certificates at the Head Office, in Paris, and at any of its agencies.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

NOTICE.

THIS is to inform the General Public that I, the undersigned, have not given any authority to any person or persons to sign my firm's name of JOSEPH BROS., or my own private name.

EDWARD MENASHIE JOSEPH.
Hongkong, January 10, 1921.

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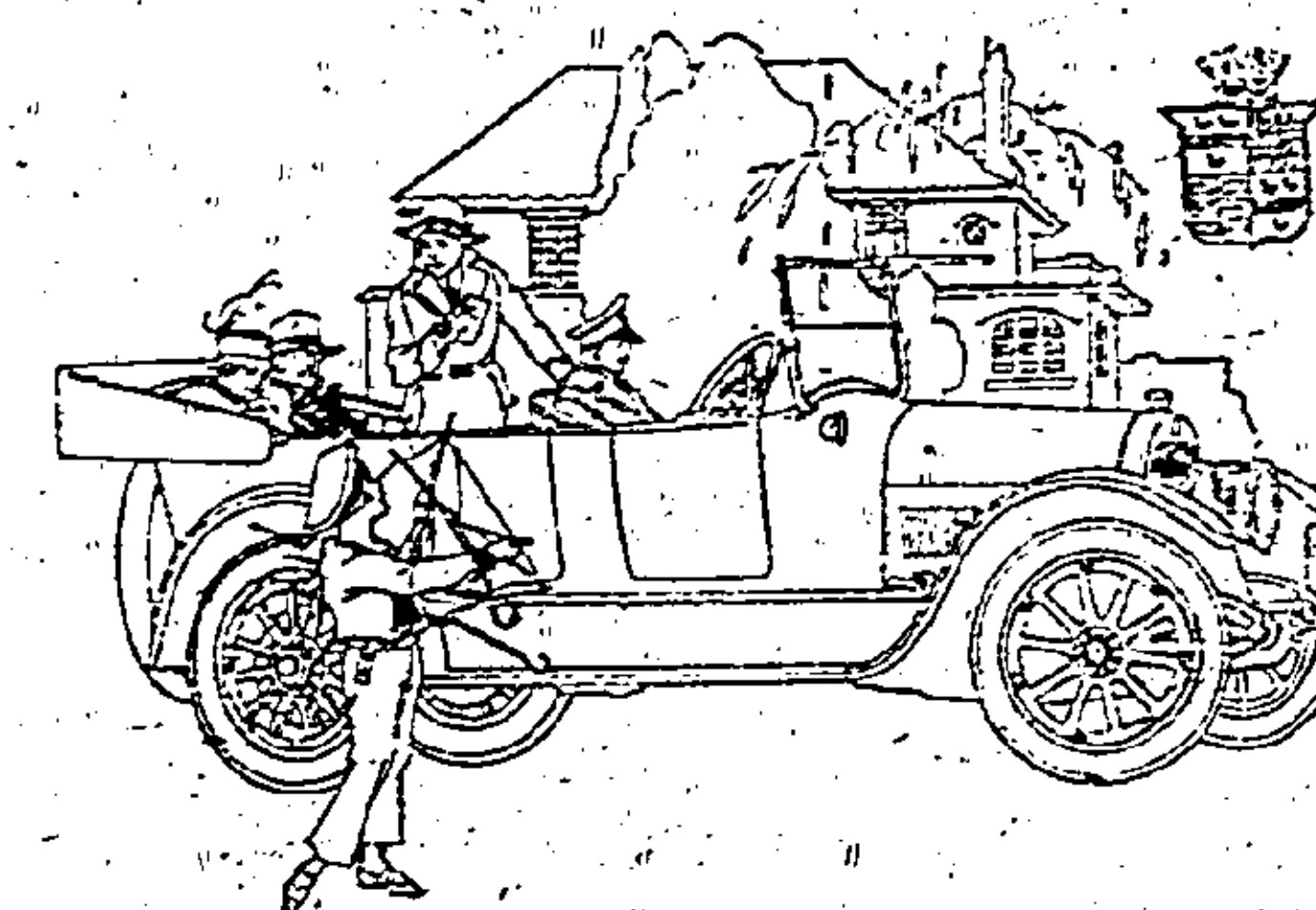
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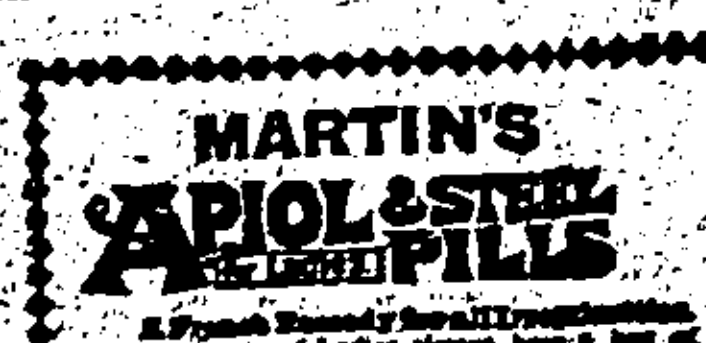
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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."
—HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JAN. 23, 1921.

ADVERSARIA.

Although twice
summoned, for a
breach of traffic
regulations, a high
official at Government House
neglected to attend Court. On
the second occasion he sent another
official, not a lawyer, and a note to
the magistrate. Was this not con-
tempt of court? In the case of un-
privileged persons, the magistrates
in such cases often insist on attend-
ance. Here a "double" fine was
inflicted. Total, ten dollars. But
do not let us suggest for one
moment that this incident is no
more than a subject for discussion
by the jocositors. It is a serious
matter. It is important to us all
that our judges and magistrates and
police should be free to do their
duty without government or official
influence, intimidation, or pres-
sure. It is true that the Govern-
ment's A.D.C. is not the govern-
ment, whatever he himself may
think; but we may as well admit
that a policeman or a magistrate
might, knowing his position, deem
himself entitled to privilege and pre-
ferential treatment. The traffic
officer and the magistrate have done
only their duty, yet human nature
is such that we have to congrat-
ulate them on it, because we know
that some men would not have had
the courage. Meanwhile, I con-
sider that this gentleman has offered
a double affront to the law and
to the King's majesty, first by dis-
obeying the summons, and second
by going to court and disputing
with the magistrate after his case
had been decided. I think the
Government should publicly dis-
avow approval of his conduct. If

it does not, someone will send word
to John Ward about it. I suggest
that an unofficial member at next
Council meeting should give the
Governor an opportunity of dis-
avowing any wish to see our Courts
subordinated to high officialdom.

According to the
SCIENTIFIC
CORDIALITY.
one day this week,
Mr. Tse Tsan Tai
of Hongkong has received "cor-
dial"—the *Daily Press* said "most
cordial"—acknowledgments from
various universities and scientific
institutions of the pamphlets not
long ago reviewed in the *China
Mail*. I would like to see those
cordial acknowledgments, and their
dates. If this local "scientist"
cares to let us see the originals, the
China Mail will publish them in
full.

Referring to the
THE SENSE
OF CHATHAM UNDER
CRITICISM, Mr. Severn
tells a story of how
the Director of Public Works was
once heckled by a member of
Council about some work that lag-
ged. Mr. Chatham explained that
rain had hindered the work. To
prove that this excuse was well-
founded, the member later
produced returns from the Meteor-
ological Department showing excep-
tionally dry weather in that period.
This time he was blandly informed
by Mr. Chatham that rain was
needed to consolidate the road.
There was laughter at this anecd-
ote, but there is, of course, an-
other point of view. That was not
the right way for a public servant
to answer a public representative's
public enquiry.

A police case dur-
ing the week pre-
sents a knotty prob-
lem. A man who
had been assaulted, or so said he
had, was prosecuted for driving
the police off their beats by blowing
a police whistle. In these days of
frequent armed robberies, one's

first impression is that it would be
hard lines to deprive the public of
this means of calling help. Inspec-
tor Blackman, however, explained
very clearly the police point of
view. The public have no right to
use these whistles at all. This sort
of thing disorganizes all the police
patrols, is a great nuisance, and
may give opportunity for serious
crime. One can see that. On the
same night I happened to witness
a similar commotion when passing
in a ricksha through Wanchai. Two
girls were running after rickshas
that contained sailors in uniform,
and they were playing a shrill duet
on police whistles. It occurred to
me then what an excellent trick it
would be to draw the police away
from any quarter where a crime
was contemplated. After all, if
they are deprived of their police
whistles, they still have lungs.

A Reuter message
arriving at the mid-
dle of the work
HONGKONG, offered us more So-
viet horrors. Apparent-
ly Winston Churchill must have
met one of Reuter's men, and stood
him a drink. "The well known
American Communist, Schwartz of
San Francisco," is given as autho-
rity, which is like saying the well
known Mr. Black of London. This
Schwartz, after denouncing the
Soviet for giving imprisonment
without trial, claims that a Bol-
shevik Minister gave him \$500 to
induce him not to lecture on Bol-
shevism in Russia. Thus we learn
that Bolshewik Ministers are fools
as well as criminals, for it would
have been easier and safer and
cheaper to imprison Schwartz with-
out trial than to bribe him. You
get my idea? If Schwartz exists,
he is a liar. If he doesn't, Reuter
is.

Nobody was suffi-
ciently interested
THE
COMRADE, to write in about
the comrade
system. But I was buttonholed by
a man who told me that attacks on
it are all bunkum. He said that
Partington had only parroted what
many others had said before. He
said the merchants would not keep
it up if it were not advantageous
to them. As a matter of fact, he
assured me, there is very little
difference between the Hongkong
system and the Home system. Dif-
ferent names have led to unthinking
criticisms to suppose them different
things. There is a difference be-
tween a comrade and a native
broker. The comrade is a
cashier who puts up a fidelity guar-
antee, and the native broker cor-
responds to the Commercial Travel-
ler. No firm at Home dreams of
doing without either, so why should
we? I take my friend's word for
it.

The article about
LOVE OF
LIFE. *China Mail* touched
on the love of life for
life's sake, a pet slogan of mine.
I shall never be able to see eye to
eye with those who, like the Rus-
sian Dostoevski, for instance, de-
mand more of life than they have
any reason or right to. I am satis-
fied with a fair pennorth. Thus
Dostoevski thinks that every think-
ing man must insist on immortality
—the eternal existence of his Ego,
with all its consciousness and
memory—or else commit suicide.
In other words, unless he knows
the answer to the puzzle, he won't
play with it. He wants the whole
lot, or no bread. That is unrea-
sonable and foolish. If the riddle
of the universe have no answer,
I shall have enjoyed my little bit
of it.

From the anthro-
POID FAMILIES, not
US THINK. One man only, nor
one group of men,
branched off. Probably there were
several branchings off. There must
have been many generations of
anthropoids who were more than
ape, yet much less than man,
before an animal we can accept as
man stepped forth. The distinction
between man and ape, or of
brain, employment. Not merely of
cranial capacity (which even now
offers anomalies to ethnologists)
but of the use of intellect. Even
then "just homo" must have pre-
ceded *homo sapiens*. How did the
big jump come to be made? Car-
veth Read, in a new book just
published at the Cambridge Uni-
versity Press, offers an interesting
suggestion that, so far as my read-
ing goes, is new and original. It
is not easy to see why he should
insist upon dating it, and claiming
that it occurred in diluvine times.
If it did happen, as he thinks it
did, it doesn't matter when it did.
He thinks that the human brain
developed when man changed his
diet from fruit to meat. Carni-
vorous folk wander alone; fragi-
lorous hunt and kill and eat in
packs. So foregathering with his
kind made man think. To this
he can be retorted that not all car-
nivores hunt in company, and that
the frugivorous baboons do. There
are so many social and gregarious
animals that exhibit no conspicu-
ous intellectual advancement that
this suggestion will not do. The
change of diet may have done it,
but not the change if there was
one of habits. There are political
animals and there are unsocial
animals but there is only one man-
race. Man's "canine" teeth may

have had little to do with diet. If
we accept the graphic picture of
primal man as drawn by J. J.
Atkinson, they are more likely to
have evolved as weapons, by which
the jealous chief of the pharynx
subdued the younger males. I pre-
fer to think that brains made man
gregarious, and not gregariousness
brains.

THE PSEU-
DONYMOUS
JOURNALIST.
There are advan-
tages the pseu-
donymous writer
enjoys that are
available neither
for the signed nor the anonymous
writing. "Uncle Toby," "Peter
Pan," "The Boudier," "Adver-
sarius," and all their tribe some-
times become characters as real as
Pickwick, and they make friends
of their readers. They can display
erudition without immodesty and
confess faults without shame.
They can be cheerful and frivolous
and sentimental and moody in turn,
and none can accuse them of in-
consistency. They are too unpar-
tial to be egotistical, and too indi-
vidualistic to be uncal.

Bentham wrote of
"impostor terms,"
words and phrases
that mislead and
bamboozle as the more accustomed
we are to them. Bentham also
wrote of government as fulfilling
its office "by creating rights which
it confers upon individuals." Her-
bert Spencer in an essay makes
great play with that, and calls it
also an impostor term. He thinks
it could only be thinkable if we
first assumed the divine right of
kings. Pursuing his argument, he
shows by the example of numer-
ous tribes that before definite gov-
ernment arises, conduct is regu-
lated by customs. Here we have
another impostor term, worse than
Bentham's. Before custom, what?
Every custom must have had a
beginning, before it could become
a custom. No matter what the
basis of government, whether of
custom, law, or morals, we must
assume a gradually developing
social contract, beginning with
tabus. Bentham was just as clear
a thinker as Spencer, but in the
passage quoted, he should have
said government *hall-marks* rights
which it recognises as belonging
to individuals. As for Spencer's
dictum, any established custom is
a definite government, and as
strong as any. This shows that
words are important (though we
should never get lost in a maze of
them). Clear thinking is wasted
without clear expression, the
curious felicitas, "he must just."

This week we had
another case in
CHRISTIAN
FORGIVENESS. Christian, after
first calling in the
police, and setting the machinery
of the law in motion, declared in
Court that as a Christian he was
ready to forgive the thief. This
sort of thing is not commendable.
If these people really mean to for-
give, they should do it less ostenta-
tiously, not letting their left hand
know what their right hand doeth.
It is not as if Christians mono-
polized the feeling which tends to
forgiveness. Heathen and pagan
can and do forgive just as often.
In such cases forgiveness may be
an offence against the common-
wealth. The central idea of Chris-
tian forgiveness is that it makes the
sinner ashamed and repentant, but
that presupposes that it is so rare
as to shock them. This thief, if
it is reported, appeared quite uncon-
cerned. The same paper in which
I read the story had an item about
a Christian pastor and evangelist
being convicted of participation in
a plot to murder by bomb. It
would not be fair to suggest that
bombings are characteristic of
Christianity. It is equally unfair,
especially on the strength of one
case in which the prosecution had
been started, to pretend and ad-
vertise that Christians are more
forgiving than other people. We
know that as a rule they are not.
There is a form of forgiveness, by
the way, which is known to the law
as compounding a felony.

After all these
years of discus-
sion of the ques-
tion why people do
not go to church,
Lord Hugh Cecil has discovered
the answer. He says men don't
go because they don't want to!
The other day he had the unusual
experience of attending a race
meeting in the North of England,
and he saw an enormous crowd.
"But," he added, "the Jockey
Club did not stand at the gates and
greet them with a kindly hand-
shake and a smile and say 'So
pleased to see you; hope you will
come again!'"

I have been urged to
write about a circular
RENTS. Issued by an estate com-
pany to a big waiting
list of tenants applying for flats
erected with money loaned by the
Government. "Write strongly,"
these people said. "Give 'em
plenty of whisky and go easy on
the soda." I have studied the cir-
cular, and find myself obliged to
pour more soda. I think these
gentlemen are overlooking impor-
tant factors. I think they strain
at gnats while swallowing camels.
I can write only as I see things,
not as they see them. I cannot

see anything in that circular to
quarrel with, although I condemn,
and want the public to condemn,
several circumstances that led to
its issue. Please review the entire
situation with me. No system of
government rent control will work,
while so many people are compet-
ing with each other for dwellings.
I have said more than once that
the Government had no right to
lend money to a rich firm like
the Humphreys, and I repeat
it. In stipulating that the rents
charged should yield no more
than eight per cent. on the capital
value of the property they meant
well, but could thereby hope to
secure nothing. The cost of build-
ing materials and of building here
is excessive. That, though it
never meant it, is the Govern-
ment's fault. In its campaign
against jerry-building, which with-
in limits is necessary and right, the
Government, through its P.W.D.
and Sanitary Board, has unnece-
sarily added to the cost of build-
ing. The Building Act at Home
in the fifties had similar unfor-
seen results. The average Lon-
don rent of properties put up prior
to that act satisfied both landlord
and tenant. New houses run up
after the Act did not pay at the
same rate, so that builders ceased
to build, a scarcity was caused, and
rents all over went up. Incident-
ally, overcrowding was caused.
All this, because the Building Act
called for more than was strictly
necessary. There is nothing more
subject to the law of supply and
demand than houses, and the
people demanding houses, where
supply has fallen short, are fre-
quently more immoral and selfish
than the most rapacious of land-
lords. Here in Hongkong we hear
of cases of people overbidding each
other. It is unreasonable to blame
landlords who take advantage of
such meanness. It may be said,
with some justice—at least it is
said—that Hongkong landlords
have deliberately engineered a
housing shortage, to force up rents.
While this may be partly true, I
have no doubt that it can be proved
that with a less exacting Govern-
ment they would build far more
than they have done lately. The
people who are complaining of the
Humphrey circular should first and
most loudly complain of the Gov-
ernment loan to this house-owning
company. If, as the Governor
said, the house shortage was not
proven, why did the Government
think it necessary to lend cheap
money to these people to persuade
them to build flats? Why did they
refuse so many respectable resi-
dents who were prepared to build
their own homes? Until I see the
people indignant over these public
matters, I cannot share their in-
dignation over an indiscreetly
worded circular, addressed to over
seventy people who seem quite
ready to fight each other for pos-
session of some fourteen flats. It is
not, although in these Socialistic
days many people seem to think
otherwise, the duty of the Govern-
ment to supply houses or even to
encourage supply. It is their duty
not to hinder supply by unneces-
sary and expensive-sounding re-
quirements. It is a roundabout
and bad policy to lend public money
cheaply to meet excessive cost,
caused by exaggerated public ex-
pectations. This, I think, is what is
happening.

The present states-
CLASSICAL
man class derives
STUDIES for its alleged wisdom
STATUESMEN.
Herbert
Spencer in one sentence has told
us exactly how it works. "Politi-
cal experiences and speculations,
coming from small ancient soci-
eties, through philosophers who as-
sume that war is the normal state,
that slavery is alike useful and
just, and that women must remain
in perpetual tutelage, can yield
them but small aid in judging how
Acts of Parliament will work in
great nations of modern types."
The sentence occurs in the essay
on "The Sins of Legislators,"
which our local legislators really
ought to read and take to heart.

I dreamed that I was sum-
MONED.
In the name
of the King, for
having a licence without a dog.
I dreamed that I did not go to
Court that time, because I was
Adversarius, and above Courts.
I dreamed that I was summoned
again, and this surprised me, be-
cause I had expected to be hailed
to Court and punished for con-
tempt. I dreamed that I sent my
Boy, and that the magistrate said
unto him, "Lo. Because your
master is Adversarius, I will fine
him treble, once for the offence,
once for disregarding the summons,
and once for sending you." I
dreamed then that, being Adver-
sarius, I was very wroth, and that
I went and told the magistrate so.
I dreamed that he fined me again
for contempt of court, and sternly
reprimanded me for my arrogance
and my contempt of the King's
justice. Then I awoke, and knew
'twas but a dream.

A Worm one day
FABLE FOR
THE KIDS, serve a Rabbit dig-
ging a Hole in the
Ground, began to ponder the Cir-
cumstance, and eventually to make

Remarks about it. "I myself am
a digger of Holes," said the Worm,
"and if this Animal digs a larger
Hole than I do, I must attribute
it to his Jealousy of Me. Better
still, I will tell Him so to his Face,
and by thus exposing the Joint in
his Armour provoke him to a Yell
of Defiance. The Worm did so,
but as Rabbits do not yell, he may
have been disappointed.

Moral: This teaches us that
Worms lack the sense of Proportion,
and are generally worms with-
out knowing it.
It is amusing to
NAMES MORE find the manager
THAN THINGS. of the Banque
Industrielle at
Singapore, announcing in the
public print that it is im-
proper to refer to the Credit
National bonds as "lottery bonds,"
as lotteries are forbidden by
French law. By the same rea-
soning we should not refer to race-
course bets and club sweeps as
gambling because Hongkong law
forbids gambling. The popularity
of those French bonds, though con-
siderably helped by the favourable
exchange at the time of issue, and
by sympathy with and confidence
in France, was undoubtedly based
chiefly on the fact that they were
lottery bonds. We all hoped, and
are still hoping, to get a million
dollars or so we invested. The
prizes are drawn by lot, and so lot-
tery is the correct name for it, even
if the French law boggles at the
name. Having said so much, on
our own point, it is only fair to
add that the real point of the letter
was to assure investors out here
that if they win they get the full
million, without deduction. De-
ductions apply only to residents of
France. This news will please
them. Some were disgusted to be
told that they would get only
603,920 francs, owing to deduc-
tions. I wasn't. I notify the
French right here and now that
I'll be satisfied to let them deduct
306,080 francs from my million—if
they'll be quick.

I notice in the
JUDICIAL papers that a Mr.
IGNORANCE. Justice Darling
asked "Who is
Mrs. Beeton?" when a famous
cookery book was mentioned. I
hope it will not hurt his feelings
if I ask who is Mr. Justice Dar-
ling? He seems to be a very igno-
rant man. Indeed, his subsequent
definition of anchovies as "a kind
of embalmed fish," at which sim-
plicity the people in court were
unkind enough to laugh, indicates
that he is rather a silly person. Is
he one of those "political judges"
who got their jobs in recognition
of Party services? I merely ask
this in the same way as he asked
who Mrs. Beeton was. "Are you
going to call Mrs. Beeton?" he
asked the Counsel. Everybody but
this ignoramus knows that Mrs.
Beeton has been dead for years and
years. I do not think she was the
great authority on food preparation
who said "First catch your hare"
(I forget the name of that one) but
she has been a familiar household
name to everybody but this Darling
person for ever so long.

In his letter to the
WAR. *Daily Press* yester-
MEMORIAL. day, announcing that
the Governor will
unveil the war memorial on Janu-
ary 30, my good friend Mr. Copley
Moyle may inadvertently mislead
some readers, unless I make it clear
that he refers to the cathedral's
war memorial. "The" war mem-
orial, for which we have all been
subscribing so lavishly, is not yet
near the unveiling stage. In fact,
I hear that the proposed club is a
fizzle. This will grieve our Govern-
or, who told us that he objected
to be associated with a failure. As
for the simple and dignified rub-
bing stone on the finest site, those
who wait will see as Margot's man
used to say.

The news of an armed
robbery at Tai-O does
not surprise me. The
city of Tai-O, the capital of the
huge island of Lantau, is the
sort of place where I would most
confidently expect to meet Ali Baba
and the Forty. It is a sort of
Chinese Venice, where gondolas
must be used to cross some streets.
The other streets cannot be said to
be crossed at all, since each elbow
rubs the houses as you walk along.
Compared with them, the thorough-
fares of Kowloon City are boule-
vards. I wish I could make a pen
picture of it for you, but it would
take more space than I have left
to describe its queer, cavernous,
typically Chinese mysteriousness
and huddle.

THE NEEDLE
CASE. Needles and pins
when Negre sues
Mornes the trouble
begins. Now that judgment has
been given in this contract case,
I suppose I am entitled to express
my non-legal, man-in-the-street
view of it. It is this. If it was
proved that the needles were ship-
ped from Antwerp, commonsense
suggests that they must have been
German needles all right. The fact
that the custodian of Enemy Prop-
erty mislaid them proves nothing,
but that he mislaid them. With
shipping so scarce as it was, and
freights so high, no one is likely
to suppose that they were Japanese

imitations shipped all the way to
Antwerp to come back here.

Hands up those who
are delighted that the
Colonial Office is now
entrusted to Winston Churchill.
What? So many as two? Oh, I
see. Both Winston's.

The Rev. J. Kirk
Macdonald, once
more amongst us,
says that one sees
"more pasteboard in Hongkong
than in any other corner of crea-
tion." The gentleman is alluding
to the method of paying calls by
dropping cards in a box. I quite
see that a social call paid in that
cheap way is about as real as a
button in the offertory. But it is
good for printers, and I'm told
that the *China Mail* does them so
beautifully that they appear as if
engraved.

Public opinion has
been most moved
this week by the
ridiculous penalty
imposed on a Chi-
nese brute who
murdered two small
pet dogs with a bamboo. Numbers
of people, including the lady who
owned one of the dogs, have asked
me to comment on it. The wretch
lives at No. 7, Wongneichong
Road. One of his victims was a
blind Pekingese poodle, a great pet
of Mrs. Nicoll and her daughter,
that had been lovingly cared for
and was quite inoffensive and well
behaved. The certificate of the
Colonial Veterinary Surgeon is
quite enough evidence, so far as
I am concerned, of the brutality
shown in killing this dog. Its back
was broken. Witnesses saw the
man, who wore a long blue coat,
actually fell the other dog. The
magistrate evidently regarded the
man's attempted alibi as false,
since he fined him—two dollars!
Apparently the magistrate thought
it a case for humour, since we can-
not take seriously his suggestion
that the fact that defendant was
"a Yunnanese and accustomed to
warfare" had any relevance.
What satisfaction is it to the owner
of the dog, who loved it, and spent
many dollars on caring for it, to
see this well-to-do Chinese get off
so cheaply? The case ought to
have been treated as a cruelty to
animals case. All dog lovers are
indignant about it.

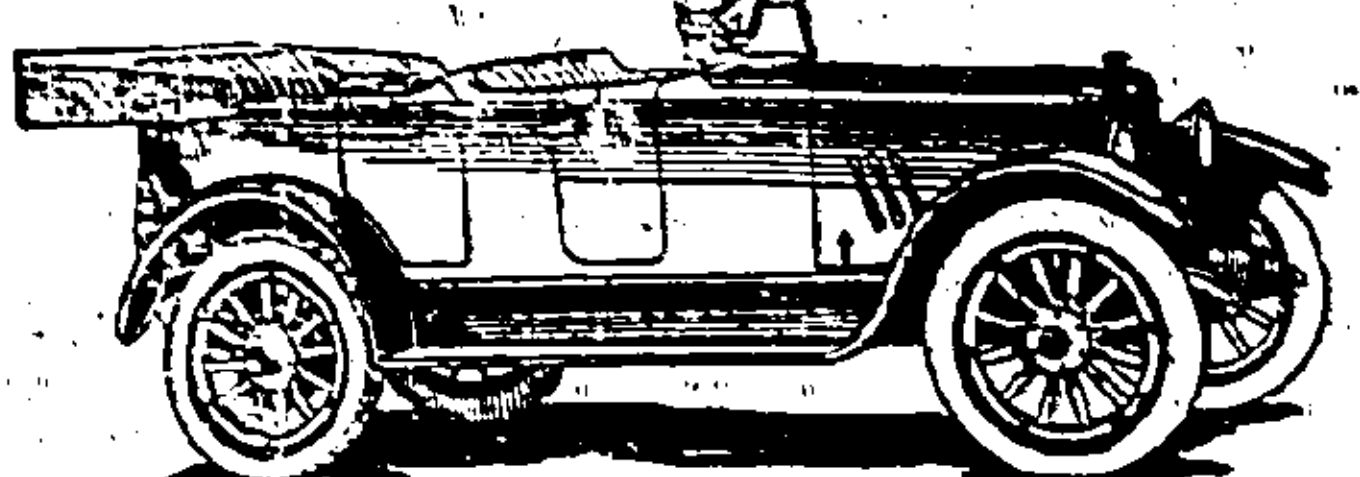
The agreement
KWANGTUNG having been can-
CELL. called, Major Cas-
sel is naturally
doing his best to get it renewed.
It is unpleasant to learn that the
British Minister has been induced
to press the Chinese in favour of
the would-be monopolists. I am
told that Americans and French
are now also bidding for mining
rights in Kwangtung, so that the
Open Door now stands a better
chance. "The trouble over the Cas-
sels is likely to thrust this lesser
matter into the background for a
while. Luckily in Chan Ewing
Ming, civil governor of Kwang-
tung, we have a man who knows
what's what. If he gets anything
at all, the Hongkong concession
hunters will have to be satisfied
with far less than they tried to
grab. These people believe in ask-
ing for a lot. Major Cassel's back-
ers wanted 30,000 square miles.
The French Mission had its eye on
a similar area. The Richardson lot
thought 100,000 square miles would
satisfy them. If the Governor lets
it out in smaller lots, on fair terms
to all comers, he should increase
the revenue of the province easily
by three million dollars in a year
or two. It is to be hoped that the
present urgent need for money
does not tempt him to sell the
birthright of his people for a mess
of pottage.

Reverting to the dog
killing case, I see in
one report that the
magistrate did not
think the man *meant* to kill the
dogs. It is hard to appreciate the
mentality of an opinion like that.
All the circumstances make it
absurdly unjust. However,
what I want to add is this. Dogs
are property. Captain Nicoll's wife
probably would not have been will-
ing to sell her pet for \$100. Very
well. Its value is \$100 or more.
Let her go to a lawyer and instruct
him to sue for damages. The
magistrate has established—with
this two dollar fine—the responsi-
bility for the damage. Mrs. Nicoll
could then contribute the damages
awarded to the local society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
By the way, what has become of
the local branch that was started
a year or more ago. There is a
great deal for it to do. The third
shop would provide cases enough.
The harbour would offer more.
Our streets furnish others.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

THERE is no use of our "beating
around the bush." We might as
well cut with it first as last. We want
you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
the next time you have a cough or cold.
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why you should not do so. This pre-
paration by its remarkable cures has
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New parcels post rates appear in the Gazette.

Wednesday Feb. 9, is appointed a general holiday.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd is appointed Census Officer. The census is to be taken on April 24.

From Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, the local agents, we have received a copy of the handy and useful pocket diary issued by Gordon's Dry Gin Co., Ltd., London.

Lady Stubbs has kindly consented to distribute the certificates at the St. Stephen's Girls' College "speech day" ceremony to be held on Saturday, January 29 at 3 p.m., in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Bridge Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Chatham will leave Blake Pier at 9.15 to-morrow (Sunday) morning. They take this opportunity of bidding good-bye to all those friends whom they have been unable to see before their departure.—Advt.

The corpse of an unknown Chinese with stab wounds on the head, throat and chest, was yesterday discovered by the police lying on the hillside path leading to Kowloon Tong village from the Tai Po Road. Robbery is suspected to have been the cause of the murder.

A slide of earth at a hill in Tai wan where coolies were at work on a cutting in connection with the construction of the new Kowloon Dock quarters, yesterday buried a man who was hurriedly dug out by his fellow workers. He was alive but both his thighs were fractured.

The fall of muddy rain at Fukai recently, supposed to be caused by sand blown from the desert of Gobi, is paralleled by a fall of red rain at Mentone in November last, which covered all the town with a reddish substance, that proved to be red sand. It is presumed that it was blown across the Mediterranean at a tremendous height from the desert of Sahara. Records show that a similar phenomenon occurred about sixty years ago.

The homeless people of New York had a pleasant surprise on New Year's Eve. They met, 800 strong, at the Bowers Hall, and decided to break into the Church of St. Mark, one of New York's oldest churches, so that they could spend the night under shelter. When they got there, however, they found the church open and lit up and the pastor waiting for them with a cordial invitation to make themselves comfortable.

We are asked to remind our readers that Mr. G. P. de Martin will deliver a Popular Lecture on "Machiavelli" on Monday January 24 at 5.30 p.m., and that the Rev. E. L. Martin will give addresses on "The Renaissance of the Literary Study of the Bible" on Tuesday, January 25 and Tuesday, February 1, at 5 p.m., at the Helena May Institute. A musicale has also been arranged for Wednesday afternoon January 26, at 5.30 p.m., at the Institute.

The total value of exports from the port of Yokohama for the year 1920 amounted to Y765,546,985, a decrease of nearly 25 per cent. from the 1919 amount. The exports for 1919 amounted to Y1,019,309,690, which is Y243,762,705 more than for the year just closing. Imports entering Yokohama during 1920 were valued at Y709,540,835, an increase of 3 per cent. over the figure for 1919, which was Y689,340,636. The value of exports exceeded that of imports by Y56,006,150, showing a substantial favourable trade balance for the port.

A correspondent writing to the Madras Mail about road hogging in Bangalore concludes his epistle in the following amusing way:—"When some one is offered up as a sanguinary sacrifice upon the altar of speed lust, I hope the victim will be a patrician pedestrian, a Club member, a public schoolboy, a graduate of an ancient and dignified University, or at least some one with a chunk of the alphabet after his name. Then things will happen and our streets will not be misused as motor race tracks." Is it not possible to remedy this state of affairs without butchering blameless citizens to herald a Bangalore reform?

RENTS INCREASED.

KOWLOON FLAT BUILDING.

PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT.

Announcement of an intended increase in rents, in some cases almost 50 per cent. has been made by the owners of David's Building, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association last Monday evening, at which Captain F. T. Wheeler presided, the subject was considered, and it was decided that representations should be made to the Government against the proposed increase. This has already been done.

The news that the increase in rents had been decided on, to take effect from March 1, was contained in a letter sent by Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, to the various tenants. A specimen letter follows:—

We are requested to inform you that it is the intention of the owner to raise your rent from the 1st of March, 1921, to Dollars Eighty (\$80) per month, and in order to legally terminate your present tenancy, beg to give you due notice to quit and deliver up the above premises on the 28th February, 1921, and to inform that if you do not quit and deliver up the premises on that date your rent will be \$80 per month as stated.

If you are desirous of continuing your tenancy upon the new terms please let us know, if possible, before the 31st instant, in order that we may send you agreement for signature.

Yours faithfully,
PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING.

It is understood that the intended increases are as follows: Flats now renting at \$51 to be raised to \$75; flats at \$60 to be \$80; and flats at \$75.80 to be \$95.

What action the Government will take in the matter is of course unknown, as no announcement has been made on the subject. Its position in the past has been expressed in several letters. It has written in reply to protests against large increases which were being demanded by landlords. Its policy was stated in a letter of March last year in the following terms, and so far nothing has been given out to indicate that it has changed its position:—

"So long as the increase is reasonable in amount and not so large as to indicate that a shortage of accommodation is being exploited for purposes of profit, there appears to be no justification for interference, and in the cases which have so far been brought to the notice of the Government it has been impossible to say that the increases have been excessive."

How large a proposed increase in rent has to be before it can be considered unreasonable does not appear to have been defined, nor has there been any intimation how far, in the official point of view, a landlord may be allowed to go before he can be considered as exploiting the shortage of accommodation. In a recent case a protest was made to the Government against a sudden increase in rent from \$50 to \$75—an advance of 50 per cent., which in the ordinary course of events would be regarded as considerable of a jump. The reply from the Government was as follows:—

"On the facts as represented, the Government cannot regard this case as an example of the exploitation of a tenant by the landlord."

Nevertheless, protests continue to be made.

CHINESE IN SIAM.

BETTER TREATMENT.

REGULATIONS MODIFIED.

The Chinese Consul in Siam has succeeded in obtaining from the Government of Siam some satisfactory modifications of the existing regulations governing the treatment of Chinese immigrants in that country. According to information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the following reasonable modifications have now been accorded by the Government of Siam:—

(1) That the Head Tax will forthwith be abolished.

(2) That the Farming Tax will forthwith be reduced to half of the original amount namely ten chu of silver.

(3) That the Commercial Tax will forthwith be reduced to only one twentieth of the original amount.

The Chinese Government has commended the Chinese Consul in Siam upon the satisfactory manner in which he has carried on his duties.—P.L.

ENGINEERS' BALL.

ENJOY BLE FUNCTION.

LARGELY ATTENDED.

The annual ball of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders was held last night at City Hall, bringing to an end the series of large social functions of the winter season. As was the case with those that preceded it, it was a huge success.

The ballroom and Theatre Royal, where the supper was served, were most artistically decorated. No attempt had been made at lavish display; consequently the effect was one of charming simplicity. At the entrance to the building was a pleasing arrangement of plants. Above them was an illuminated ship's propeller. The entrance hall was bright with colour, the pillars being draped in red, white and blue and surrounded by palms and potted plants. Here and on the carpeted stairway leading to the ballroom upstairs were shields of national flags. The stairway was sprayed on either side with evergreens and plants; while on the top landing was a pretty group of greenery. On the walls were a monogram picked out in electric lights, and the crest of the Institution.

The ballrooms were rich in colour. In St. George's Hall were long red and white drapery from the ceiling to the floor interspersed with blue and white bunting caught up in the centre, while around the room were numerous palms. The painting of Queen Victoria above the Governor's settee was draped with the Union Jack and White Ensigns. In St. Andrew's Hall red and white drapery was arranged between red, white, and blue streamers. The lounge also was covered in a ballroom, generously decorated with yellow and black hangings. Adjoining it was the ladies' buffet, attractively hung with national flags. The verandah, enclosed as a protection from the cool night air, were provided with comfortable chairs for sitting-out.

Entrance to the theatre was by way of a passage liberally decorated with flags. The front of the balcony was draped in red, white and blue, while at the back of the hall were a number of White Ensigns. The principal feature of the decorations, however, was the wealth of roses adorning the table on the stage which had been provided for the principal guests. They made a pretty picture, and attracted many complimentary expressions. They had been generously supplied by Mr. R. E. Nicholson and arranged by Mrs. Harrington. The other supper tables were decorated with chrysanthemums.

There were about 800 guests. Dancing began at 9 o'clock, and continued until well into the morning hours. Music was provided by the band of the Wilshires and the pipers, Messrs. McEwan and Tullan. The programme was as follows:—

- Extra Valse Missouri
1. Lancers H.M.S. Pinaflore
2. One Step Ragging through the Rye
3. Valse Beautiful Ohio
4. Eightsome Reel De'il Among the Tailors
5. Fox Trot Tickle Toe
6. One Step Sand Dunes
7. Lancers Mikado
8. Fox Trot Dardanella
9. Valse Wild Flower
10. One Step Out, Out, Marie
11. Fox Trot Indianola
12. One Step Oh, by Jingo!
13. Lancers Veronique
14. Fox Trot "O"
15. Valse The Naughty Waltz
16. Eightsome Reel Torryburn Lassies
17. One Step Wild, Wild Women
18. Fox Trot Whispering
19. Valse On Miami Shore
Extra One Step Taxi
Extra Fox Trot The Vamp
The supper was provided by the Hongkong Hotel, and the Hotel Orchestra furnished music, while it was in progress. The menu follows:—

- 1.—Clear Consomme
2.—Thick Soup
3.—Soused Fish
4.—Lobster Salad
5.—Roast Turkey 6.—Roast Beef
7.—Roast Pheasant
8.—Roast Saddle of Lamb
9.—Roast Capon
10.—Spiced Beef
11.—York Ham
12.—Corned Ox Tongue
13.—Galantine of Veal
14.—Green Peas
15.—Boiled Potatoes
16.—Chicken Salad
17.—Assorted Fresh Salad
18.—Fruit Jelly
19.—Tapioca Cake
20.—Compote of Fruit and Custard
21.—Blanc Manger
22.—Strawberry Ice Cream
23.—Vanilla Ice Cream
24.—Assorted Pastry
25.—Coffee

The President of the Institution, Mr. T. Neave, presided, and the official party included Lady Stubbs, His Excellency Sir R. E. Stubbs K.C.M.G. and Miss Neave; Vice Admiral Sir A. L. Duff, C.B., and Lady Kirkpatrick; Major General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick and Miss Duff; Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., and Mrs. Bowden Smith; Commodore Bowden Smith, R.N., and Mrs. Severn; Hon. Mr. W. Chatham C.M.G., and Mrs. Johnston; Hon. Mr. John Johnston and Mrs. Chatham. Among other prominent guests were the following

past Presidents:—Mr. T. W. Roberts, Mr. J. E. Miller, Mr. J. McCubbin, Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. J. W. Graham.

There were no speeches, but the toast of "The King" was submitted by Mr. Neave, and enthusiastically honoured.

For the great success of the Ball, credit largely rests upon the President, Mr. T. Neave; the Vice Presidents, Mr. R. Hunter and Mr. B. L. Frost; the Chairman of Committees, Mr. W. Budge; the Hon. Sec. Mr. P. T. Farrell, and the Hon. Treas. Mr. W. Brown, as well as upon the members of the various committees who lent their willing assistance to completing the arrangements. For the decorations, which added so much to the charm of the occasion, the honour goes to the Decorations Committee, and in particular to Mr. G. H. M. Bannerman, who was responsible for the lighting arrangements. The committees in charge were as follows:—

Mr. T. Neave (Ball Convener).
Invitation:—Messrs. K. E. Greig (Convener), J. W. Graham, R. Hunter, J. McCubbin, W. Russell, W. Budge, P. T. Farrell (Hon. Sec.), R. M. Dyer, J. Reid.

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Decorations:—Messrs. W. Division (Convener), G. H. M. Bannerman, S. Gray, J. M. Ramsay, R. M. Madden, A. I. Nash, A. Langston, V. Ferguson.
Dance:—Messrs. R. J. Wilton (Convener), C. C. Nelson, J. Parkes, G. Grot, W. Brown, D. McLellan, A. Stalker, F. H. Farthing, H. H. Day, J. B. Hamilton, J. H. Donnantherne, T. G. Stokes.

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HONGKONG CHESS CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members was held at the office of the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., on Thursday, January 20, at 5.15 p.m. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., took the chair and there were present: The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Messrs. E. Ezra, J. L. Parren, H. M. Basso, D. E. de Carvalho (Hon. Secretary), A. F. B. Silva-Neto (Hon. Treasurer), Rev. H. Copley Moyle, and Captain Mills.

The accounts for the year were presented by the Hon. Treasurer and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Basso, were passed.

It was decided that the Club should hold its meetings on Mondays and Thursdays at 5.15 p.m., and that an extra meeting should be held in the evening every fortnight on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. It was also decided that arrangements should be made for a Chess Club dinner on Wednesday, February 2, at 7.30, and that a match should previously be played, the loser at each Board to pay for the dinner of himself and his opponent.

The Shanghai International Chess Club having sent a challenge to the Hongkong Chess Club, it was decided to send a reply accepting the challenge and asking Shanghai to make arrangements for special cable rates and suggesting a code.

It was also decided to hold the following competitions:—
(1) For Mr. Pollock's Inter-club Challenge Shield, it being suggested that teams should be entered by the Chess Club, The Club Lusitano, and the Navy and Army or a combined team of the United Services.
(2) For the Championship of the Club, one game, and all against all.
(3) For the B players Class, a knock out competition. Entrance fee 50 cents.

The meeting concluded with the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—President, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Neto; Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. E. de Carvalho; Committee, The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Capt. Mills, Mr. J. L. Parren and Mr. J. H. van Gennep Lohrs.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE ENTRIES CLOSE TO-DAY.

Members are reminded that entries for the forthcoming Race Meeting close to Mr. R. J. Paterson, Clerk of the Course, to-day (Saturday), January 22, 1921. It is requested that all covers containing entries may be delivered at the office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, No. 3, Chater Road, Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, before 2 p.m.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE NATIONAL LOAN OF THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, (1914) \$16,000,000 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ISSUE OF \$8,000,000

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In regard to the redemption of the loans it was impossible at the time to make any announcement. The Moratorium of 1916 affected the Loan Service, and although drawings have been proceeded with as funds permitted, Redemption has been irregular and behind the scheduled dates.

Arrangements have now been made which will enable annual drawings of each loan to be undertaken until their extinction, in 1924 in the case of the 4th Year Loan and 1925 in the case of the 3rd Year Loan.

The Ministry of Finance will notify in due course the date of the drawings to take place this year with date and place of repayment.

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7—R. F.	St. Albans.
10—R. F.	St. Albans.
21—R. F.	Ningchow.

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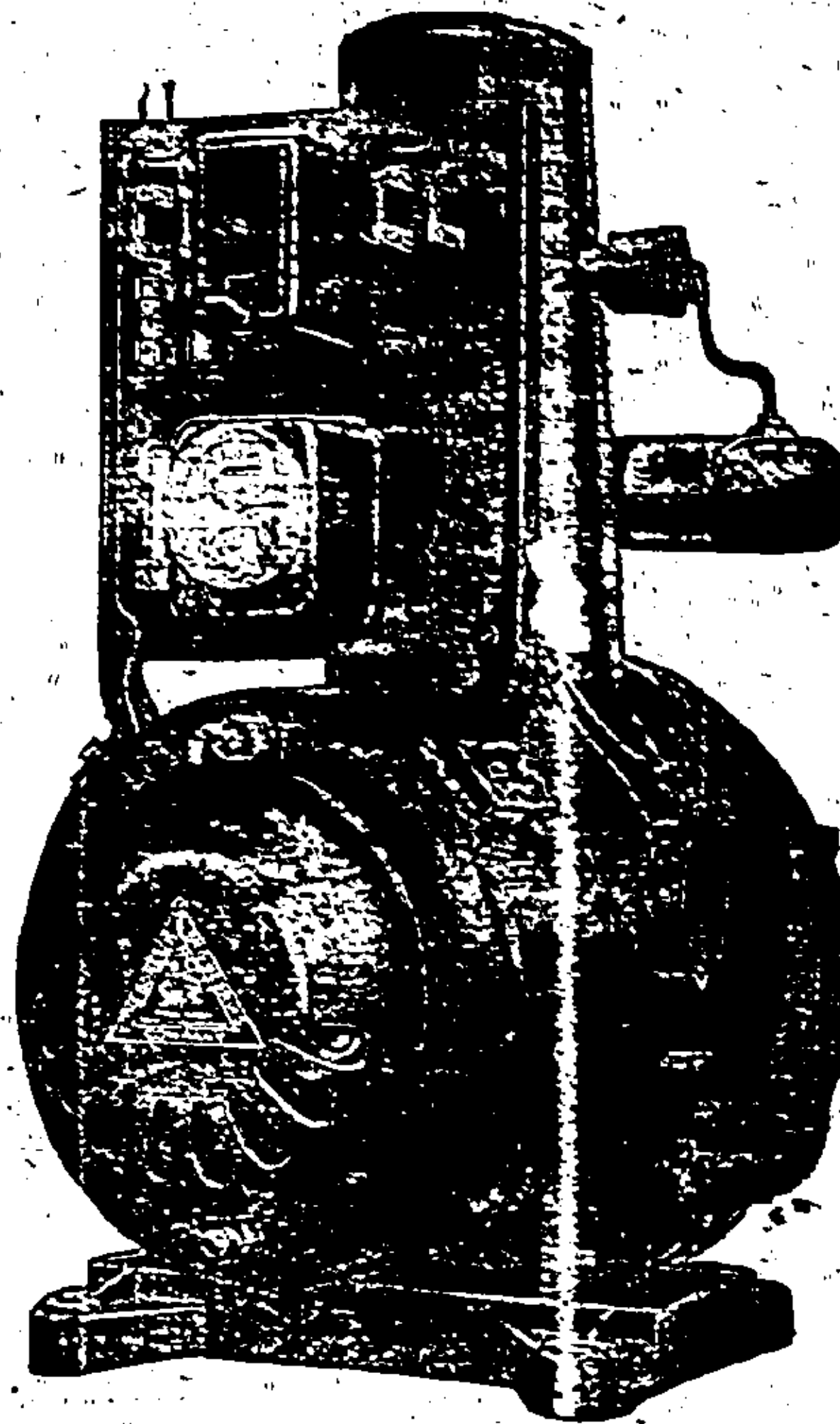
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THE WORLD'S DEMAND FOR OIL

The world to-day is facing a shortage of all petroleum products. We have heard much of this shortage as affecting fuel oils, gasoline, etc., which to-day form an important part of the world's fuel. Another important phase of the problem is that of lubricating oil.

This is the Mechanical Age. Power production has developed throughout the world to a remarkable state of efficiency. Power production demands lubrication.

Lubricating oil, like practically every other commodity, is selling to-day at prices far above what we used to consider the normal range.

What are the reasons for the present scarcity and high price?

Is there a remedy in sight?

These are the questions that are uppermost in the mind of every man who is using lubricating oil, whether on his automobile, his tractor, or on power machinery.

WHERE THE DEMAND COMES FROM.

The answer to the first question will be found in the old fashioned law of supply and demand. Lubricating oil is scarce and high because more people are trying to buy it than can be accommodated without severe strain on the available supply. Such a condition must result in scarcity and a high-selling price.

The present tremendous demand for lubricating oil comes from two sources—

1. A big demand for American lubricating oil in foreign countries.

2. Increased industrial and automotive development in the United States.

During the war, producers of lubricating oil looked forward to peace as meaning a lessening in the demand for lubricating oil abroad. It has not worked out that way.

During 1918 the total exports of lubricating oil were 257,317,253 gallons.

In 1919, when a decrease was expected, exports jumped to 277,591,158 gallons.

That condition is typical of what has happened in most lines since the armistice was signed. The demand for lubricating oil and other products for reconstruction and industrial purposes under peace conditions, has been greater than the demands for war purposes.

The same thing has happened at home. Although industry was straining every nerve during the war to produce war materials, there has apparently been no decrease in production since peace was declared.

While certain industries have slowed down, others have come forward at a rapid rate, with the net result that to-day the domestic demand for lubricating oil is greater than it has ever been before.

So much for the demand. Now let us turn to the supply for a moment.

THE OIL SUPPLY.

First of all, in considering our present supply we have to remember that when peace was declared the oil industry had been straining every nerve to supply petroleum products for carrying on the war. Reserve stocks had been exhausted and we entered the peace period practically on a "hand-to-mouth" basis, so far as available oil stocks were concerned.

In the meantime, foreign sources of supply had been shut off. Russian crude oil is for all practical purposes, not available. The same is true of the Galician and Roumanian fields.

The United States is to-day supplying the great bulk of lubricating oil used by the world.

On the other hand, production had been speeded up somewhat by war demands. New fields had been explored. New wells had been opened up.

But the increased supply was not equal to the increased demand. The result has been that to-day the better grades of crude oils are comparatively scarce. It naturally follows that they are high in price.

Four or five years ago, Pennsylvania crude oil sold for \$1.35 a barrel. To-day it is quoted at more than \$6 a barrel, and it is usually necessary to pay a premium on top of the listed price to secure crude oil in any large quantity. Other crude oils have advanced in the same way. And the end is not in sight.

THE PRESENT SITUATION.

This, then, is a picture of conditions as they are to-day.

1. A tremendously increased demand for lubricating oil at home and abroad.

2. Reserve stocks exhausted.

3. Foreign oil fields out of the market.

4. Production in the United States increased, but not enough to take care of the increased demand.

THE REMEDIES.

What are the remedies for the present situation?

First of all, we have the natural law which tends to harmonize supply and demand. High prices in themselves are a deterrent to use. We can safely count on some readjustment from this factor.

Much depends upon the foreign situation, as regards credits and exchange. As credits to foreign countries are cut down, it will naturally follow that less oil will be bought for export.

It is also reasonable to assume that foreign production will soon become an important factor again.

But the big remedy lies in an increased activity on the part of American capital in developing oil resources at home and abroad.

Much has been written about the threat to America's leadership in the oil industry. It has been said that England and other countries are endeavoring to usurp America's place as the leader in oil production. Of course, this is mere speculation, and looks far into the future in an effort to predict possibilities and not probabilities.

Few of us realize how great is America's leadership to-day in the production of oil.

The United States to-day is producing about 70% of the world's supply of petroleum. About 16% is coming from Mexico, and about half of this Mexican supply is being produced by American capital. The other 14% is coming from Central and South America, Russia, Roumania, Galicia, and other spots of the world's domains.

In 1916, the marketed production of petroleum products of the United States was 301,000,000 barrels; in 1917, 335,000,000; in 1918, 356,000,000. The United States Geological Survey estimates our unproduced but recoverable oil in January 1919 as 6,740,000,000 barrels.

While the above does not indicate that the United States is in danger of being surpassed as a producer of petroleum, it is a fact that this country must be alert to the situation, and must not sit idle while other countries develop their resources.

America's opportunities are:

1. To conserve and to develop the vast oil resources that still remain in this country.

2. To enter wholeheartedly into the development of oil lands in foreign countries, especially in Mexico, Central America and South America.

3. To discover the most practical and economical way of developing the shale oil deposits that lie in vast quantities in the Rocky Mountain states.

4. To urge and promote economy and efficiency in the handling and use of petroleum products.

MAKING OIL ENGINES.

BIG BRITISH DEVELOPMENT.

KEEPING THE LEAD.

In a paper read recently before a British engineering institution it was stated that there are under construction in Great Britain a large variety of marine oil engines than in any other country, indicating an enterprising and progressive policy of determined trial. Much of this notable development has taken place within recent years, showing that British engineers and manufacturers are determined to hold the lead in connection with the oil-driven ship. The author expects that all but a few of the types developed will survive, and will show still further progress, until the highest possible plane of efficiency is reached. Powers up to 6,000 h.p., and even 8,000 h.p. in twin-screw vessels, can be looked for in the very near future.

OIL WASTE.

This matter of the economical use of our oil supply is one of vast importance, not only to the country as a whole, but to each individual user of lubricating oil.

Much of this waste occurs in the oil fields. Unlimited supplies in the past have brought about wasteful methods of recovering and storing oil. Vast quantities of oil run to waste every year in the oil fields. Oil men are to-day keenly alive to the situation, and able brains are devising ways of eliminating much of this waste.

But the waste which comes closer to most of us is that in the use of petroleum products.

In lubricating oil alone, large quantities are wasted every year through unintelligent use. In almost every industrial plant more lubricating oil is used than is necessary to secure efficient lubrication. Oil is bought in quantities, and the application is usually in the hands of someone who is not especially interested in operating economy. He is interested, however, in "avoiding trouble," and his own idea of how best to avoid trouble is to "pour on plenty of oil." In that belief, lies one of the greatest fallacies in the world. "Plenty of oil" does not necessarily mean good lubrication.

Correct lubrication consists of applying the right oil in the right place in the right way.

There are certain definite rules by which every user may help to eliminate waste in lubricating oil, whether he is operating an automobile, a tractor, or an industrial plant.

1. Perhaps the most important of all is to "buy the correct oil for the purpose for which it is intended."

This may sound like an academic statement, but it is strictly a matter of dollars and cents and oil conservation. We will all agree that no one oil will lubricate all types of machinery. We wouldn't use the same oil in a steam cylinder as we would on the shafting. We wouldn't use the same oil in our automobile engine as we would in the rear axle.

But the difference does not stop there. For practically every lubricating need in any machinery, there is a correct oil, and there are hundreds of incorrect oils. If we use the correct oil, in nine cases out of ten, we will use less of that oil than we would of an incorrect oil. In addition to that, there are resulting advantages in reduced friction, increased power, etc., which we need not go into here.

2. Use only high quality oils.

In lubrication, perhaps as much as anywhere else, it is axiomatic that quality means true economy in the long run. High quality oils may cost more by the gallon, but they will cost less by the year, and they will be helping to eliminate waste of oil by using less gallons.

3. Install mechanical lubricating devices on machinery.

We have already spoken of the fallacy that the more oil we put on, the better lubrication we secure. One drop of oil at regular intervals will provide better lubrication than a lot of oil poured on at irregular intervals.

For practically every lubricating requirement in every plant, there is available on the market a mechanical lubricating device which will supply regular and constant lubrication to the frictional surfaces without danger of too little lubrication and with the absolute elimination of waste in applying the oil.

4. Prevent leakage from barrels or packages.

A great deal of oil runs to waste every day in garages and in plants through careless handling and improper storing of barrels and packages.

A leak of one small drop of lubricating oil per second from the faucet of a barrel means a loss of 34 gallons in a month.

The above suggestions are typical of many that might be made for the conservation of lubricating oil. It is essential that the American people practise this conservation in order to help bring about a return to a normal basis.

Oil interests to-day are actively at work on remedies for the present situation. In order that they may have time to work out this problem properly, economy in the use of our present supplies is most important.

SPORT.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

GOOD MATCHES EXPECTED.

Following are the first and second division matches of the Hongkong Football League scheduled to be played this afternoon—

DIVISION I.
S.C.A. v. Hongkong Club, Club ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Jones.
H.M.S. "Ambrose" v. Wiltshires, Navy "B" ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Wells.

Kowloon v. Hongkong Police, Sookumpoo ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Clements.

DIVISION II.
Club de Recreo v. United, Navy "B" ground at 2:30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Hollands.

S.C.A. Reserves v. Staff and Dept., S.C.A. ground at 2:30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Wells.

H.M.S. "Carlisle" v. St. Joseph's, Navy "A" ground at 2:30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Jones.

R.G.A. Reserves v. Indian Recreation Club, St. Joseph's ground at 2:30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Sayer.

2nd Punjabis v. Hongkong Club Res., St. Joseph's ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Sayer.

Kowloon Reserves v. Officers United, Sookumpoo ground at 2:30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Clements.

Owing to the South China ground not being suitable for first division football, the Athletics will meet the Hongkong Club on the latter's ground. The Club will be strengthened in this match by the welcome return of Kuhn to their ranks. This ought to have the effect of making the forward line very dangerous, and the Chinese defence will have a very hard time keeping Kuhn out. The Chinese are a fast and tricky lot, and the Club's half back line will undoubtedly find much difficulty keeping pace with them. The Athletics' supporters are confident that they will reverse the result of their previous encounter with the Club when they lost by two goals to nil.

If the Club play as steadily as they have done during the past fortnight, there is little doubt that they will repeat their previous performance, and annex the two points at stake.

The "Ambrose" will be at home to the Wiltshires on the Navy B ground. In spite of the fact that the Wiltshires have left three good men in Green Lucas and Hargreaves who left on the "Bremen," they are considered the stronger side, and are expected to win. While the sailors are good footballers, they have been greatly handicapped recently in raising a team and unless they turn out at their best for this game, the result will be a foregone conclusion.

Kowloon and the Police are scheduled to meet on the Sookumpoo ground where a very even struggle is expected. Kowloon will be making some changes in their forward line, while the Police are expected to play some of their new men. A good struggle is sure to result, as Kowloon will undoubtedly be keen to revenge the defeat they suffered at the previous encounter, and the Police will be equally determined to repeat their feat.

The "Tamar" v. "Titania" match has been postponed as the latter ship left port to-day. This postponement is welcome to the "Tamar" who should not have been able to turn out a representative team owing to the fact that four of their players are on the sick list.

In the second division, the most interesting match will be that between the "Carlisle" and St. Joseph's. A fast game is expected, and in view of the fact that the sailors will be able to turn out strong owing to their having been released from first division football, the struggle will be a very strenuous one. On their usual form, the St. Josephians should win.

Another fast match will be the struggle between South China Reserves and the Staffs. In a previous encounter the Chinese managed, with the assistance of some of their first division players, to inflict a defeat of four to one on the soldiers. This time the order is expected to be reversed, but of course, not without a struggle.

On present form, the United should secure the two points in their return match with Club de Recreo, but the latter, who effected a runaway victory over the United on the previous occasion by 4 goals to 1, are a lot who are capable of springing surprises, and if they happened to be in the mood for hard work, the United will have to stretch themselves considerably if they expect to win.

At Sookumpoo Valley a very good struggle is expected between the Kowloon Reserves and the Officers United. The Officers have improved considerably in second division football recently, and unless the Kowloonites take matters seriously, they will find difficulty in repeating their previous performance when they defeated their opponents by 2 goals to 1.

RUGBY.

The Club pack will meet the Navy XV on the Club ground at 2:30 p.m., to-day, in connection with the Cup Competition. A very evenly contested game is anticipated. In view of the fact that both teams have defeated the Army in very convincing style. The Club

have a better service in their pack, and if their defence is able to cope with the Navy attacks, they should win.

H.R.F.C. v. S.C.A.

The Club will meet the South China Athletic Club on the Club ground to-day, kick-off 4:15 p.m. sharp. Teams—

Hongkong F.C.—C. Rodger, W. Gerrard and M. Tonkin; J. W. R. McPhail, M. L. Railton and J. Rodger; J. R. Hamilton, H. McTavish, W. Kuhn, S. Beggs, and E. Riss.

S.C. Athletic—Lau Hing Cheung; Fung Tai and Chan So; Leung Yuk Tong, Leung Tai Fong, and Cheung Wing Shing; Ko Sik Wal, Ip Kau, Wong Pak Cheung, Kum Fook, and Au Kit Sang.

S.C.A. v. STAFFS.

In this 2nd division home match v. Staffs, South China Athletic will be represented by—Hui Sing Yiu; Fok Ping Yin and Kwok Sin Yan; Pang Kam Wing, and Li Siu Ying; Lau Hong Wing, Lau Tak Tung, So Chung Ming; Leung Wing To, Lai Yuk Tat, and Hung Yiu To.

H.R.F.C. v. PUNJABIS.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI against the Punjabis on St. Joseph's ground, kick-off 4 p.m. sharp—A. N. Othier; A. A. Ross and A. Boysen; L. Jack, W. Ireland, and S. Sorrensen; L. Goldenberg, E. Railton, L. Goldman, J. P. Sherry, and A. Ogilvie.

SCHOOLS' LEAGUE.

EXHIBITION MATCH.

The final match of the senior division of the Hongkong Schools Football League was played off on Wednesday. The final positions in the League Table are as under:

Goals

P. W. L. D. F. A. P.

St. Joseph's... 8 7 1 0 23 5 14

St. Paul's... 8 5 2 1 11 3 11

Queen's... 8 5 3 0 16 7 10

St. Stephen's... 8 2 5 1 17 5 7

Diocesan... 8 0 8 0 25 0

On Wednesday, the 25th there will be an exhibition match on Queen's College ground, commencing at 3 p.m., between St. Joseph's II, winners in the intermediate division, and Waihsai School, who were top of the junior division. This will be followed by a match, St. Joseph's against the Rest, after which the trophies will be presented to the winning teams by Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. C.R.C.

At K.C.C. ground to-day, at 2 p.m.: K.C.C.—J. P. Robinson, H. Overy, D. M. Goodall, J. Stalker, C. J. Stapleton, K. R. Macaskill, E. L. Braga, R. Pestonji, A. W. Ramsay, B. D. Evans, W. B. Haslett.

GOLF.

K.C.C. v. U.S.R.C.

The following are the K.C.C. teams which will meet the U.S.R.C. teams to-morrow. Singles will be played in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon.

K.C.C.—"A" team: D. J. Mackenzie, D. G. R. Smith, D. G. Nicoll, J. Stalker, G. Clarke, H. Overy, W. T. Elson and Dr. Woodman.

U.S.R.C.—"A" team: Mr. Hooper, Midshipman Sparks, Lieut. Jones, Lt. Col. Crosse, Lt. Comdr. Curry, Capt. Murray, Mr. Raworth and Capt. Archer.

K.C.C.—"B" team: K. R. Macaskill, J. McCubbin, T. Grant, J. Parkes, H. P. Boneham, H. E. Stevens, A. O. Brown and C. M. W. Reynolds.

U.S.R.C.—"B" team: Lt. Lane, Pay-Lt. Miller, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Hodge, Lt. Hammond, Mr. Brown, Mr. Claxton and Dr. Smalley.

BILLIARDS.

INTER-MESS LEAGUE MATCH.

In a League match played on Thursday night the Wiltz Sgts. took a valuable point from the Garrison Mess. The scores were as follows—

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Q. M. S. Stanley...150

Sgt. Major Stroud...150

Sgt. Major Horrocks...124

Sgt. Turner...100

Sgt. Scouler...113

WILTZ SGTS (3.)

Sgt. Porter...132

Sgt. Reeves...120

C. S. M. Blackford...119

Sgt. Evans...150

R. Q. M. S. Miller...150

The highest break (33) was made by Q. M. S. Stanley.

HOCKEY.

H.K.L.H.C. v. V.I.H.C.

The Hongkong Ladies Hockey Club will play the Victoria Ladies Hockey Club, at Happy Valley, to-day, bully off 2:30 p.m. Teams—

Misses G. Woolley, A. Wheeler, A. Tolan, B. V. Jennings, Mrs. Railton, E. Woolley, L. Tolan, M. Ramsay, S. Wells and Y. Young. Reserves: R. Young and Y. Young.

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HONGKONG.

WOMAN RECLUSE.

DEAF TO ENTREATIES.

SECLUSION FOR HALF A CENTURY.

Miss Fannie Read, who has lived the life of a recluse for 59 years because she was not allowed to say farewell to her soldier lover when he marched away to fight in the Civil War has just left her house in Hancock, New York, on one of the few occasions she permits herself to go out—when one of her relatives is buried in the town.

Miss Read on this occasion was so shrouded in veils and shawls as she stepped from the great ramshackle house in Front Street to go to a waiting motor-car that no one really saw her. She was going to the funeral of her brother.

The romance which ended in her life of seclusion for over half a century began when Miss Read was about 17, and was the belle of Hancock Village.

A regiment came to camp on the flats across the Delaware River, from the main street of Hancock, and a soldier of this regiment fell in love with the beautiful Fannie. The little village had a gay season while the soldiers were in camp, and the house of Fannie's father was the scene of many social gatherings in which officers of the regiment took part.

None was more popular on these occasions than Fannie. When the regiment had to leave for the front, however, Miss Read and her parents had a difference of opinion regarding her love affair, mainly, it is said, because they did not want to lose their idolized girl.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Rover's Service to the China Mail)

NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

HOW IT WILL TACKLE PRESENT PROBLEMS.

POLICY OUTLINED.

PARIS, January 20.

A *Havas* message states: M. Briand, before the Chamber of Deputies, and M. Marraud, the Minister of the Interior, before the Senate, each read a declaration outlining the Government's views regarding the present situation. The Government is fully aware of the seriousness of the present difficulties and is ready to face them. In spite of treaties, France does not know yet a real and lasting peace. Germany's disarming is essential to France's security and the carrying out by Germany of the Peace Treaty is necessary to the reconstruction of the devastated provinces and the restoring of French finances. France is not unreasonable. She does not ask for impossible things, only what is due her. Close agreement with the Allies is an essential condition for the settlement of problems pertaining to the re-establishing of a real peace. France feels confident that England, her great friend and ally, will help her to that end. Nothing can endanger the bonds uniting the two nations who have spilled their blood in common in so many battles. The intimate union of England and France is the best guarantee of the world's peace. Alliance with Great Britain remains the keystone of France's foreign policy everywhere. The declaration, concluding, states with an announcement that efforts will be made to reduce expenses and re-establish finances on a sound basis. Commerce, industry, and agriculture will again be given free scope.

OUR PRESENT PROBLEMS.

ECONOMIC DISTRESS INEVITABLE SEQUEL TO WAR.

MR. BONAR LAW'S VIEWS.

LONDON, January 22.

Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at the Edinburgh Merchant Company's dinner, admitted that the Government was unpopular, which he said was natural in view of the post-war reaction. Regarding Ireland there was avowedly a conspiracy to break the connection with Britain which could not be done without endangering the security of the United Kingdom. In such circumstances there were bound to be excesses, but the Government failed unless it was determined not to allow coercion. The present economic distress was the inevitable sequel to the great war. Concerning the difficulties of the Peace Treaty, Mr. Bonar Law ascribed the delay in the Turkish Treaty to the American position. Indeed, it was the absence of America from any part of the burdens of distracted Europe that made the position so bad.

NEW FRENCH CABINET.

PARIS, January 21.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the Briand Government by 475 votes to 68.

SPECIAL CABLES

FURBUSH TRIAL CONCLUDED.

SENTENCE DEFERRED.

PROSECUTION ASK DEATH PENALTY.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22.

The Furbush trial has been concluded and sentence deferred. The prosecution is asking for the death penalty.

WOOSUNG NOT IDEAL PORT.

EXPANSION INEVITABLE.

SCHEME ENTAILING \$20,000,000.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21.

Chang Chien, the Woosung Port Development Commissioner, expresses the opinion Woosung is not an ideal port but the shipping congestion at Shanghai must inevitably necessitate expansion. The scheme is entailing an expenditure of \$20,000,000.

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

ALLEGED MALICE.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES CONTESTED.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21.

In connection with Mr. Boulton's claim against his former employers the Gaston, Williams, and Wilmore Corporation, for \$300,000 damages for alleged malicious criminal prosecution and injuring his reputation and credit, the defendants have filed an answer repudiating the jurisdiction of the United States court in China, contending that the firm is organized under the New York State laws and is subject to that jurisdiction.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

NOVEL ATTRACTIONS.

VAUDEVILLE ENTERTAINMENT TO-MORROW.

A first class vaudeville attraction will be staged at the Hongkong Theatre commencing on Sunday night when Mr. Hal A. Freeman of the DeLacey Agency, London West, will present his grand combination of English artists, direct from the best Australian Theatre, comprising Tricxie, the world's leading contortionist, Buttons, the imitable boy comedian and Gibson and Doreen, novelty comedy musicians.

DEPARTURES.

PROMINENT RESIDENTS.

THE HON. MR. CHATHAM.

Hongkong will wish bon voyage to several of its prominent residents to-morrow—to some who are departing on leave and will be sure to return, and to others who are saying farewell to the Colony.

Leaving on the "Plassy" to-morrow will be the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., retiring Director of Public Works, accompanied by Mrs. Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. Chatham have been in the Colony more than thirty years. He began as a Civil Engineer and was engineer of the Bristol Docks when in 1890 he was appointed an Executive Engineer in the service of the Hongkong Government, and since 1893 has been almost continuously connected with the Public Works Department.

Probably no man who has ever served in Hongkong leaves behind him such enduring monuments. The Pwys Reclamation scheme, the building reforms engaged in to reduce epidemics, the development of the waterworks system of the island and Kowloon, the erection of innumerable public buildings and above all the magnificent roads that are the admiration of visitors from all quarters of the globe—these are things that will keep the name of Mr. Chatham forever fresh on the tablets of Hongkong's history.

MR. T. F. HOUGH.

Another who is bringing to a close his residence in the Colony, and whose departure will be missed by a host of friends, is Mr. T. F. Hough. He has lived in the Far East thirty-nine years, nearly all of it in Hongkong as a partner in the firm of Hughes and Hough, and has taken a very active part in the affairs of the Colony. He was once referred to wittily as "the acknowledged unofficial dictator of this Colony."

Before coming to Hongkong he was in the 8th Hussars, and saw service on the North-West Frontier and in the Afghan War of 1878-80. Although well along in years he sought an active part in the Great War, and when he was debarré by age, did yeoman service in the Colony as Assistant Superintendent of the Mounted Section and Motor Patrols of the Police Reserve. During his residence in Hongkong he has been very active in racing affairs and in Freemasonry, holding important offices in both.

MR. V. D'OETTINGEN.

Mr. V. D'Oettingen, for a long time the Russian Consul in Hongkong, is leaving for Europe on the "Shizuka Maru," having recently

CHARITY CONCERT.

SUCCESS ASSURED.

HEAVY BOOKING FOR TONIGHT.

So keen is the anticipation for Madame Lottie Gordon's grand charity concert at the Theatre Royal to-night, in aid of the Blind Home, Kowloon, and the Pokfulam Home, that few, if any, seats remain unbooked in the dress circle. Among those who have signified their intention of being present at the concert are H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, Admiral Sir Alexander Duff and Miss Duff, Major-General Sir G. Macaulay and Lady Kirkpatrick, Commodore and Mrs. Bowden Smith, and the acting Chief Justice and Mrs. Gompertz.

The programme, rich in musical talent, gives promise of a delightful entertainment. Miss Vera Mirova, the distinguished art danseuse, and Mr. Leo Podolsky, the brilliant pianist, will appear after the interval. Madame Lottie Gordon is contributing piano solos, works of Rachmaninoff, Chopin and Enescu. Mrs. Maurice Minney sings "Mia Pioncella" (Gomes) and "The Moon and I" from "The Mikado." The other items on the programme are songs by Miss Edith Soares, Miss Nellie Williams, Mrs. Florence Cameron, Mr. Howard Freeman, and Mr. Reginald Meyers, "Humour at the Piano" by Lieut. Colonel Crose, recitation "Carillon" with tableaux effects by Miss E. D. Thomson, a humorous recitation by Mrs. F. C. Hall and some special selections from "Our repertoire" by the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods. Messrs. Wiseman's orchestra will be in attendance. Sailors and soldiers will be admitted for half the admission fee. A late train to the Peak will leave at 12.15 after the concert.

closed the Consulate. He has made many friends during his long residence here, and regret is widely expressed that the course of political events in Russia has been such that they have led to Mr. D'Oettingen's departure.

MR. J. A. E. BULLOCK, M.B.E.

Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, M.B.E., Chief Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, is another who sails on the "Plassy." Mr. Bullock is going home on leave, the first time he has been home, it is said, since he entered the Government service in 1906.

MIROVA AND PODOLSKY.

CLASSIC DANCER AND PIANIST.

SPECIAL MATINEE.

For those who missed the performance given at the Theatre Royal last Wednesday by Miss Vera Mirova, the classic dancer, and Mr. Leo Podolsky, the pianist, there is good news in the announcement that these talented performers will give a special matinee on Wednesday next in St. Andrew's Hall. The audience that was present at the performance on Wednesday night has commended them so highly that a capacity attendance may be expected and for this reason early bookings are recommended.

A lighted cigarette end carelessly thrown on the roof of a match shed is said to have been the cause of a fire which broke out about 8 p.m. yesterday, in a carpenter's match shed at the new reclamation in Salkong Road, on the mainland, and then, fanned by the breeze, quickly spread to two other match sheds and a stack of timber in the vicinity, all of which

ARMED ROBBERY.

CITY FLAT ENTERED.

ROBBERS' BIG HAUL.

Having gained access to a house in Stanley Street last night by impersonating a postman, a man whipped out a revolver and covered the woman inside while three other men entered. The robbers stole 30 pieces of male clothing valued at \$350, a pair of bracelets valued at \$130, a gold wristlet watch valued at \$65, a pair of earrings valued at \$40 and some female attire valued at \$300, also two gold finger rings (valued at \$15) which the woman was wearing, and a cash box belonging to her sister. Altogether the robbers made a haul estimated by the complainant at \$900.

were burned. The damage was estimated at \$1,700. The Kowloon Fire Brigade turned out but on arrival found it hopeless to attempt to save the structures. The brigade therefore turned their attention to the timber and managed to save part of the stack.

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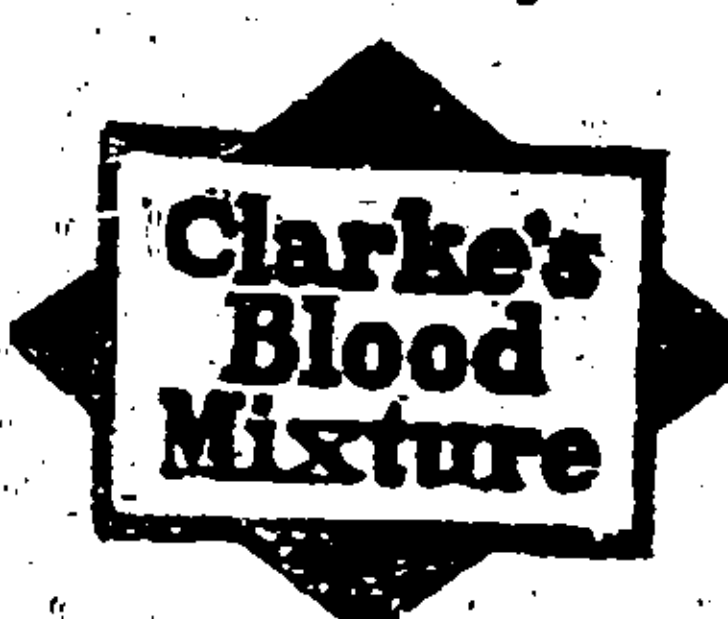
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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

My Children.
The other day a little girl said to me, "Do you think that I could make you say 'black' if you do not want to say it?" To which I replied that I was quite sure that she could not make me say it. Now, she went on, "I will ask you some questions and you must answer them properly." "Very well, I said, and then she asked what were the colours of different things in the room, the floor, a tablecloth, a doll's frock, and several other things. "What is the colour of the Union Jack?" she asked then. "Red, white and blue," I replied and then she laughed like anything and said that she knew that she could make me say "black." "But you said 'black'!" I cried, and the minute after I had said it I knew how stupid I had been because she laughed more than ever.

It is a good catch, don't you think?
Your loving,
PETER PAN.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Elsa and Edna Batalha. You were both right about the Buried Trees except the third one. It should have been "rowan" not "yew." This week I am putting in another story about Mary and Snp and Snoop, as you asked for it, Edna.

SNIP AND SNOOP CATCH COLD.

One morning Snp and Snoop went for a very long walk and when they came back they were so tired that they nearly went to sleep over their tiffin. So, as soon as they had finished, they jumped into their baskets and fell fast asleep. Every one was having a rest and when it began to rain no one thought for a time about shutting the windows.

Now Snp and Snoop's baskets happened to be in the verandah and they were so fast asleep that they never felt the rain which came pouring through the windows until Mary came along and found them there, looking very wet and dragged.

"Wake up, wake up, dogs," she cried. "You will catch horrible colds if you lie there in the rain."

And she hurried them off to the kitchen fire and gave them a good rubbing with a big towel.

But the next day Snp and Snoop were both sneezing almost without stopping and when Mary brought them their breakfast of bread and milk Snoop's throat was so sore that he could not eat it.

"Never mind, poor Snoop," said Mary, giving him a pat and tucking him up in his basket again. "I'll send for the doctor and he will soon make you better."

So she telephoned to the dog doctor and when he heard what was the matter he said, "You must put a cold bandage round Snoop's throat. Keep both the dogs covered up in their baskets and give them a drink of warm milk. If they are not better I will come and see them to-morrow."

"Very well, thank you, doctor," Mary replied and she hung up the receiver and went to look after the dogs.

Sad to say Snoop was not good over his bandage. He said "Wouf, wouf—wouf, wouf, wouf" (which meant "I don't like the cold thing. I won't have it.") and then he snapped and snarled a bit in the way puppies sometimes do. But of course he had to have it on and Mary was very firm about it. Then she gave them some milk and tucked them up in their baskets.

In the evening, before she went to bed, Mary made them some bread poultices and fastened them round Snp and Snoop's necks.

The next morning as soon as she was down she went to the kitchen to see how the dogs were feeling and they came barking to meet her, as well as lively as possible.

"But where are your poultices, Snp and Snoop?" asked Mary. "Wouf!" they both answered several times over and then she saw the bandages lying on the ground but there was no bread in them.

"You don't mean to say that you have eaten the bread!" the cried.

Snp and Snoop both looked rather ashamed of themselves because that was just what they had done.

All the same they had got rid of their colds very quickly.

When the doctor rang up to ask how they were he laughed very much when Mary told him that they had eaten their poultices and then he said, "I'm afraid those dogs give you a lot of trouble, Mary."

"Oh I don't mind that," Mary answered, "Because I am very fond of them."

And when Snp and Snoop, who were sitting near by, heard that they had been so suddenly that they nearly knocked her over and then they all had a great game together.

PETER PAN.

THE SENSITIVE PLANT.

Dicky's father and mother had a garden with all kinds of flowers and bushes growing in it. One day when Dicky was wondering about the swing he saw some pretty fern-like plants which crept along the ground. They had thin, feathery green leaves which looked

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NEW SHIPPING BOARD BOATS.

CAPTAINS APPOINTED.

Assignments of command on the new shipping board steamers that are to be placed in service by the Pacific Mail in the coming year have been announced and in the list appear the names of most of the well-known Pacific Mail skippers who have been coming to the Orient.

The first of the great floating hotels—the so-called 535's—originally designed as troopships and now transformed into passenger carriers, will make its way from the Pacific coast into China waters early in the spring. This will be the "Golden State" and it will be under the command of Capt. George Yardley, who is well known here. Others whose names are familiar in trans-Pacific shipping circles, who will be aboard the Golden State on its first voyage are William Green, who is to be first officer, Sam Coulter, who will be second officer and Bill Pringle, who is to be third officer.

"EMPIRE STATE" SECOND. The second Pacific Mail 535 that will sail for China will be the "Empire State" and it will be commanded by Capt. Thomas Fleming now captain on the "Equador." Following this steamer, the third will be the "Palmetto State" under the command of Capt. Henry Nelson, who now commands the "Venezuela."

The fourth of the Pacific Mail Shipping Board ships, the "Hoosier State," is to be commanded by Capt. Thomas Blair, now commanding the "Colombia" and the fifth, the "Loose Star" State, will be commanded by Capt. George Dockstader.

Two of the smaller Shipping Board passenger and cargo carriers that have been allocated to the Pacific Mail are the "Greole State" and the "Wolverine State." These are the so-called 502's and are to go into service between the Pacific Coast and India sailing from San Francisco by way of Honolulu.

NEW EN ROUTE. The "Greole State" was delivered last month and is now on its maiden voyage under command of Capt. H. J. Jones. It is taking the place of the "Colusa," which with the "Santa Cruz" is being returned to the Grace Company by the Pacific Mail.

The "Wolverine State," under command of Capt. C. H. Porta, will follow the schedule of the Santa Cruz. Each of these steamers has 1,200 tons of refrigerating space which gives facilities for transporting a considerable quantity of perishable cargo between India and America.

The vessels have accommodations for 84 first-class passengers and will provide the fastest passenger service from America to India available to the traveller. The voyage from San Francisco to Manila by way of Honolulu will occupy 21 days and the homebound voyage from Calcutta will consume 33 days.

OTHER STEAMERS. Two of the big 535's that have been awarded to the Matson Navigation Company are the "Hawkeye State" and the "Buckeye State" and these are shortly to go into service between Baltimore and the Hawaiian Islands.

In addition to these vessels an entirely new passenger service into the Far East soon to be operated by the Admiral Line with five Shipping Board boats allocated to that company which will operate out of Seattle and it is understood that one or more new vessels are to be placed in service by the China Mail—China Press.

rather like four fingers spread out and a small pink flower, something like clover. There were some seed pods on one or two of the plants as well and these were like beans. He thought he would pick one to take to his mother but no sooner had he touched a leaf than it shut up quickly so that all the fingers looked like tiny sticks.

Dicky was very surprised and called out to his mother, "Mother, look at this funny plant! I was going to pick it for you when it shut up as tight as tight."

"Oh I know these queer things, Dicky," said his mother. "They are so pretty. I was going to pick some one day to do the table for a dinner-party but they closed up as soon as I touched them and then I knew that they were sensitive plants."

"What does that mean, Mother?" asked Dicky.

"It means," answered his mother, "that they feel things more than ordinary plants just as sensitive people have more feeling than others. When will they open again?"

questioned Dicky.

"Not for some little time," replied his mother. And this was true, for Dicky sat and watched them until he was tired of being there and so he ran away to play and forget all about them.

When he thought about them some hours afterwards the sensitive plants had all opened wide once more.

PETER PAN.

BIG SHIP V. TORPEDO.

SIR P. SCOTT O'NEAL.

JELICOE AT ISLAND.

MEMBERS OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST AND MOST ROMANTIC CRAFTS.

HONoured the new Lord Mayor (Alderman James Roll) and his Sheriffs at a banquet at the Hotel Cecil. The Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, whose predecessors had earliest scriptural testimony to their operations, were incorporated by King James I. and it is interesting to reflect that with the revival in fashion of gold and silver lace the ancient company is considering the holding of a competitive exhibition of manufactures, thus signifying its continued solidarity for the advancement of the craft. With the Lord Mayor were Colonel and Sheriff S. W. Gilbert and Mr. Sheriff H. Newton Knights M.P.

Admiral Sir Percy Scott replying to the toast of "The Imperial Forces," given by the Master, said that one school in the Navy thought that battleships were a good thing and another thought they were not. Early in 1914, before the war, he emphasized that the submarine had dominated the battleship, but the Admiralty regarded the submarine as a toy, and the Press generally condemned him, suggesting that he was suffering from midsummer madness. After we had been at war a short time the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the public found that the submarine and the torpedo were not toys, and as a result it was now being discussed whether we should have battleships or not. The Japanese were building battleships of 35,000 tons, and the Americans were doing likewise. The head of the construction department at the Admiralty, who was an advocate of the big battleships, told him two days ago that he was building a battleship which could not be sunk by a torpedo. "Well," said Sir Percy Scott, "I am afraid I had to be rather rude to him, because there is no limit to the size of a torpedo. You can put into the head of a torpedo a charge of half a ton of T.N.T. A 500 lb. charge of T.N.T. is quite big enough to blow a hole as big as this room in a battleship. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are very anxious to pursue their old policy of building so many ships of one type and so many ships of another type every year, whether they are useful or not, and they are very anxious to build battle ships now. I told them the other day that I did not think the country would be quite so agreeable to spending £7,000,000 on a battleship that could be sunk by one torpedo. (Hear, hear.) Just at present they are in a very undecided state of mind. There is a divided opinion. Some say fast cruisers, submarines, and torpedoes, and some want battle ships, but I am quite sure that they will never get the battleships in again."

One heard a lot about Jutland just now, added Sir Percy Scott, and there was a large number of gentlemen who were not at the battle, but who were now saying what Viscount Jellicoe ought to have done. (Laughter.) "It so happened that Viscount Jellicoe discussed with me before the battle of Jutland what he was going to do in a big battle," said Sir Percy, "and as I quite agreed with him, naturally I will not talk about it (laughter). But it is rather funny for these gentlemen to sit in their armchairs at the club and tell us now what Jellicoe ought to have done. At any rate, whatever he did, the Germans came out for the battle of Jutland, they went home, and they never came out again except to surrender to the British Fleet." (Cheers.)

Colonel Sir Augustus Fitz George, who also replied, said Jellicoe was not a very great general. But he was a very good organizer, and the country owed him an enormous debt for what he did with the Citizen Army. He (Sir Augustus) was disappointed because, in his view, the war had produced no great man, with the exception of Marshal Foch who was picked out late.

Sir George Younger, M.P., replying to the toast of the "Houses of Parliament," the toast of which was given by Alderman Sir William Dunn, said that in an Empire like theirs it was monstrous that they should be governed practically by a single chamber. It was essential that before it went out of office this Government should fulfil the part of its policy connected with the reform and reconstitution of the Second Chamber. Nothing but a sudden and altogether unexpected difficulty would entitle it to go back to the country without discharging that duty. Mr. Lloyd George's pluck and courage during war had been a tremendous advantage to the nation. Only once did he see him looking anxious and broken, and that was at breakfast when the usual communication had not been received from General Headquarters and the Prime Minister was anticipating the worst news with regard to Amiens. Fortunately the message came through that there would be no further retreat, and the Prime Minister enjoyed his breakfast. He reminded the company that Mr. Lloyd George was largely responsible for the giving of the single command to Marshal Foch, but added Sir George, he was Scottish enough to believe that if his fellow-countrymen had been given the same chance he would have done as well.

SOVIET CONTRACTS.

THE VANDERLIP DEALS.

CONCESSIONAIRE'S INTENTIONS.

It is quite as well that the impression which has gained currency that Mr. Washington B. Vanderlip is disappointed with the attitude of the British Government or the British Press towards himself and his Russian enterprise should be put right, says the Financial Times in a special article. Mr. Vanderlip is neither aggrieved nor resentful, and even if he considers that the British public stands in need of a faith cure he feels no inclination to minister to their requirements.

In the course of a brief interview which a Financial Times representative had with him, Mr. Vanderlip explained his position, so far as he considered an explanation was required of him, with point and frankness. He could not understand how any sort of mystery came to be associated with his dealings with the Russian Government, and when it was pointed out that he had himself fostered the misapprehension by declining to show his contracts to the Home Office, he protested, smilingly but emphatically, "My business with the Soviet Government of Russia is no business of the British Home Office. Why on earth should I produce to them my contracts?"

The remark that such disclosure of documents would prove the existence of the contracts was met by the rejoinder that the existence of the documents was not a matter on which he desired in the very least to assure anybody in Great Britain.

"If it interests you or anybody to know it," he said, "I can tell you that the contracts are in my possession, and that they are signed and sealed by the Russian Soviet Government."

But one would be right in saying that until they are recognised and sanctioned by the United States Government they are no more than provisional contracts.

"Not at all," Mr. Vanderlip replied. "They are valid, complete contracts, and they will begin to function just as soon as trade relations have been resumed between the United States and Russia, whether it is in a year's time or a hundred years hence."

Mr. Vanderlip had not heard that the United States Government had itself completed a deal in locomotives with the Soviet Government, and was not prepared to discuss that phase of the subject. He understood that Washington had not yet recognised the Soviet Government, and until such recognition was granted he supposed that neither his contracts nor any other contracts with American citizens would be operative.

Asked whether M. Krassin had any knowledge of the contracts he had entered into with the Soviet Government, Mr. Vanderlip suggested that the inquiry should be addressed to M. Krassin. In reply to a further question as to whether his particular contracts required to receive the assent or signature of M. Krassin, Mr. Vanderlip declined to make any answer.

The magnitude of the deal in goods which is covered by his contracts has been variously stated as from six hundred million sterling in value, and Mr. Vanderlip was quite willing to clear up all uncertainty on this point.

The figure, he said, is three billion dollars, which at the present rate of exchange works out at about £600,000,000.

Mr. Vanderlip was asked if it was true that goods to this amount were to be delivered and paid for in Russian products within three years of the times when the contracts began to function. "It is certainly considered that Russia can absorb that value of goods in the period named," he replied. "It seems a tall proposition, but you must remember that the 150,000,000 Russian people have not had a damned thing renewed in seven years. They have only got 6,000 locomotives in all Russia, and in the country they haven't got a good suit of clothes. Russia wants refurnishing and re-equipping throughout, and her vast population consists of people who are all ready to work and produce money's worth for the goods they require."

Mr. Vanderlip laughed at the idea that the United States could supply the whole of the goods covered by his contracts. He explained that it was his intention to place his orders in America up to the limit of her production capacity, and what the States cannot supply Europe will be invited to estimate for.

VICTORS AT THE HOTELS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

January 21.

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